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CRIME RISE FEARS OVER JAIL PLANS



RESERVATIONS: Mr Michael Fuller

Chief Constable slams early release of prisoners policy

THE Chief Constable of Kent Police has voiced fears over the Government's move to release prisoners early.

Michael Fuller said the new policy could lead to more crime and undermine public confidence in the criminal justice system.

The Lord Chancellor recently announced that some prisoners serving terms of four years or less will be let out up to 18 days early to ease prison overcrowding.

His statement came after the prison population broke the 81,000 mark for the first time.

In an exclusive interview with Kent on Sunday, Mr Fuller, the county's most senior police officer, revealed his serious reservations about the policy.

EXCLUSIVE

By **PETER BOYES**

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He spoke out as new figures revealed the county has seen "significant reductions" in crime.

Mr Fuller said: "We're in a position at the moment where crime has reduced significantly, we have been effective at bringing offences to justice and just at the time we are doing that, the government policy is to release people who I know we are going to have a significant challenge in trying to stop from reoffending. Our effort is going to be diverted in trying to do that."

He added: "These are the people who com-

mit the low-level crime that has the biggest impact on quality of life.

"So I wouldn't want to see that undermine public confidence in the police or undermine our efforts."

Mr Fuller said senior officers were frustrated by the new policy as they had earlier been set targets to increase the number of criminals brought to the courts.

"It is quite frustrating for us having been successful in doing that and having the satisfaction of seeing recidivist offenders imprisoned, to then see people being released before they should be released. I think it will create a significant challenge for us."

Mr Fuller, who has led Kent Police for three and a half years, said the prison system should offer better rehabilitation to prisoners to reduce reoffending.

He said drug addicts and alcoholics should undergo more treatment in prison and said prisoners should receive better "continuity of care" after their release.

In his statement to the House of Lords, the Lord Chancellor said the Treasury was making more money available to create new prison places. He said drug treatment programmes had risen from £7.2million since 1996/7 to £79m in 2007/8.

A Ministry of Justice spokeswoman said if prisoners released early were caught reoffending, police should contact the National Offender Management Service to arrange for them to be sent back to jail.

She added: "Those prisoners who represent a real risk to the public have been deliberately excluded from this scheme and will not be released."

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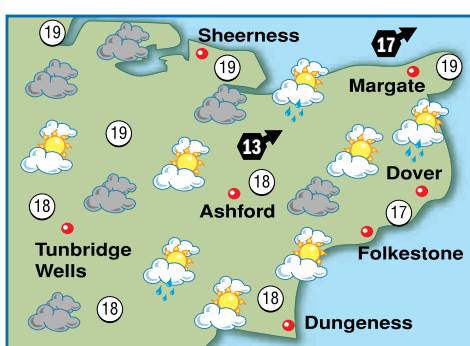
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TONIGHT: Remaining rather cloudy with the chance of the odd shower. Moderate southwesterly winds. Min temp 12-15C (54-59F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	rain	15	59	London	showers	18	64
Belfast	rain	17	63	Liverpool	rain	19	66
Birmingham	rain	18	64	Manchester	showers	18	64
B'mouth	showers	18	64	Newcastle	showers	19	66
Bristol	rain	16	61	Norwich	showers	21	70
Cardiff	rain	18	64	Oxford	showers	18	64
Cork	showers	18	64	Southsea	rain	17	63
Edinburgh	showers	18	64	S'hampton	showers	18	64
Glasgow	showers	18	64	Southport	sun	-	-
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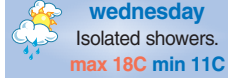

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Margate	01.15 4.3 13.24 4.4	01.55 4.4 14.00 4.5		
St Mary's	06.00 5.0 18.20 5.3	06.40 5.1 19.00 5.4		

Week ahead

 monday Showers. max 18C min 12C	 thursday Sunny spells. max 19C min 12C
 tuesday Rain. max 18C min 12C	 friday Sunny spells. max 21C min 12C
 wednesday Isolated showers. max 18C min 11C	 saturday Dull. Rain. max 20C min 14C

Revealed: police road crash toll

Force in almost 3,000 collisions in five years

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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POLICE vehicles are caught up in more than 500 crashes on Kent's roads every year.

Figures obtained by Kent on Sunday show that police cars, motorcycles and vans have been involved in 2,762 road collisions in the last five years.

And in most cases – 2,074 – police officers or staff are totally or partially to blame. A third party was at fault in 688 of the crashes, which were between 2002 and 2006.

However, Kent Police stressed the statistics not only recorded collisions with moving vehicles, but also stationary objects and with running or flying creatures such as deer, badgers, rabbits and pigeons.

Collisions

Last year, there were 513 collisions involving police vehicles in Kent – 403 of which were totally or partially because of the fault of police officers or staff. A third party was to blame in less than a fifth – 110 – cases.

Dianne Ferreira, spokeswoman for the road safety charity Brake, claimed the figures showed police officers were needlessly speeding.

"Quite often it isn't a life-threatening situation. It may be a petty theft from a shop but they still respond to it under emergency conditions and drive at speed, putting lives at risk."

In 2002, Kent Police vehicles were involved in 597 road collisions – 417 of which were totally or partially the fault of police officers or staff.

Chris Grayling, the Tories' shadow transport secretary, said the police collision figures



ON CALL: 'Police vehicles are available 365 days a year and often in adverse conditions'

were "surprisingly high" and the county's force needed to address them.

"I would hope that the chief constable and his team would be taking a long, hard look at why that's happening and what they can do to improve training or guidance to officers."

"The police are there to be the guardians of road safety and clearly they need to set a good example themselves."

There were 537 cases in 2003, with officers and staff to blame in 407 incidents. In 2004, there were 584 crashes, of which a third party was at fault in 153 cases. A year later, Kent Police vehicles and officers and staff were at fault in 416 out of 531 road crashes.

Chief Superintendent Alan Horton, of Kent Police, said: "It is important to understand that these figures are not just the number of accidents involving police cars and other vehicles."

"A large percentage involved accidents with stationary and flying objects, such as rabbits on the road or birds flying into cars, all of which have to be reported and recorded."

He added: "Our driving officers are highly trained. Police vehicles are available 24 hours

a day, 365 days a year and often in adverse weather conditions.

"They do a difficult job in difficult circumstances and they do it well."

Nationally, there are about 20,000 crashes involving police vehicles each year.

During 2005 and 2006, Kent Police revised its driver-training programme. At a cost of £800,000, it has also started to introduce black box recorders in police vehicles, which it said will help reduce accident rates.

• THE number of people killed or seriously injured on Kent's roads has fallen.

Figures released on Thursday by the Department for Transport revealed there were 827 KSI (killed or seriously injured) incidents in 2006, compared to 847 in 2005.

A total of 91 people died on Kent's roads last year.

Nationally, the number of people killed in road accidents fell, by one per cent from 3,201 in 2005 to 3,172 in 2006.

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Family beaten up

ROBBERS broke into a family's home, tied them up and beat them with baseball bats in a "brutal" attack.

The men, who also had guns, struck at a home in Hawksdown Road, Walmer, near Deal.

The father, mother and their adult daughter needed medical treatment after the attack, at about 2am on Friday.

The robbers, who were thought to be in their 20s, demanded keys to a business belonging to the family.

Dealer is cleared

AN ANTIQUE guns dealer accused of selling illegal firearms has been found not guilty.

Michael Shepherd, 56, was cleared at the Old Bailey of 13 charges over guns advertised online.

Police raided his home in 2006 and found 900 guns. He was charged after selling weapons and bullet components to undercover officers.

But Mr Shepherd said selling components for bullets was not against the law because the parts were easily available.

Jail meeting row

GOVERNMENT officials pulled out of a public meeting about prison expansion plans – to the fury of residents.

Representatives from the Ministry of Justice were due to meet locals yesterday about the proposals for Rochester Prison.

The ministry – which wants to increase capacity at the young offenders' institute from 392 to 700 – would not explain why it had decided not to attend.

Local people first knew of the expansion plans in March – when building started.


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Leas Cliff Hall celebrates 80th birthday with photographic exhibition and tours

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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BIG Daddy, Tommy Cooper, Ozzy Osbourne and the Queen have all appeared there in the eight decades since it first opened.

A colourful assortment of characters from the world of showbiz and beyond have visited Leas Cliff Hall, in Folkestone, which celebrates its 80th birthday on July 13.

In 1924, it was decided that a suitably large and majestic entertainment hall was needed to match Folkestone's reputation as a premier holiday resort. Work began on the new seafront building the following year and it was completed in 1927.

On Friday, March 28, 1958, the Queen and Prince Phillip dropped into the hall when the Royal Yacht Britannia returned from their visit to the Netherlands and docked at the Prince of Wales Pier at Dover.

After visiting Dover Castle and the town's Maison Dieu Hall, the Queen came to Leas Cliff Hall.

Six years later, the Rolling Stones played a concert there, on April 4, 1964.

Golden age

In the 1980s, comedians Tommy Cooper, Dick Emery and Eric Sykes put on shows at Leas Cliff Hall, as did the BBC's Antiques Roadshow and rocker Ozzy Osbourne.

The golden age of wrestling was staged at the Folkestone venue with names such as Big Daddy, Giant Haystacks and Kendo Nagasaki grappling in the ring.

More recently, bands including rock acts Queens Of The Stone Age, Kings of Leon and The Darkness have performed memorable gigs there.

Jo Day, spokeswoman for the Leas Cliff Hall, said it was a "truly unique venue".

She added: "Its stunning seaside setting provides an awe-inspiring backdrop for the truly versatile nature of events that are held here, from private weddings and conferences to large-scale rock acts."

"The Leas Cliff Hall gives the people of Kent something to be truly proud of."

To celebrate 80 years of live entertainment in Folkestone, the staff of Leas Cliff Hall have organised a photographic exhibition detailing its history.

The pictures and captions have been donated by Alan F. Taylor, chairman of Folkestone and District Local History Society, and will be on show throughout July.

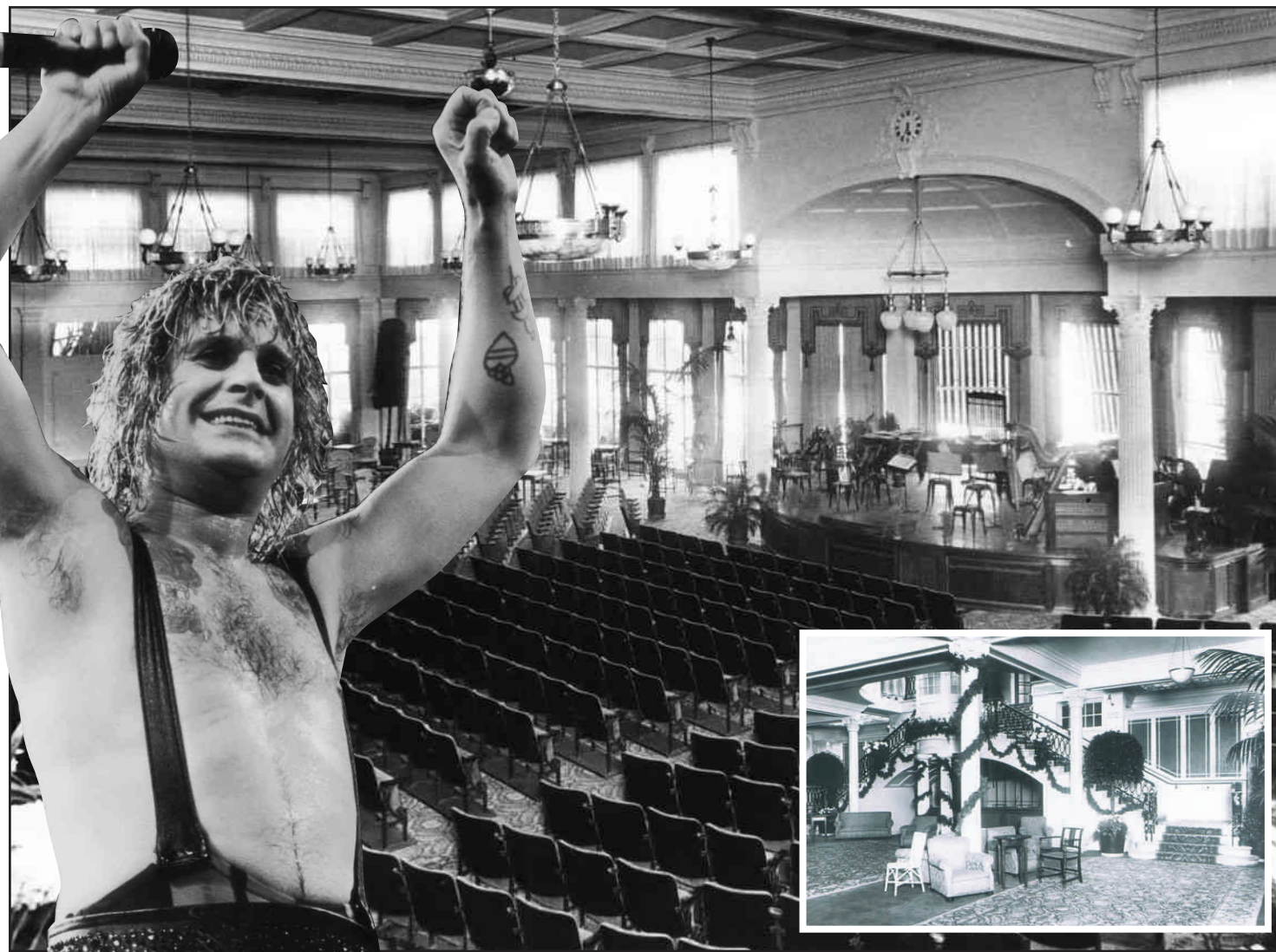
Ken and June Paine, official historians of Leas Cliff Hall, will be holding a week of free public tours of the building, at 11am and 2pm daily from Monday, July 16 to Friday July 20.

To book a place, call the Leas Cliff Hall box office on 01303 228600.

STAR LINE-UP: (top to bottom) Tommy Cooper, wildman of rock Ozzy Osbourne and more recently, The Kings of Leon, are among the acts to have graced the Leas Cliff Hall stage

Ozzy Osbourne: GETTY IMAGES

Hall of fame



STUNNING. The interior of the main hall, laid out for concerts, and (inset) the foyer in 1927, which look much the same to this day



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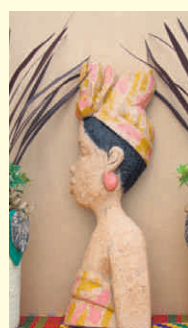


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Trapped on the streets

Group's shock at number of homeless sleeping rough

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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A SURVEY has given a worrying insight into homelessness in Kent.

A total of 731 homeless people were interviewed earlier this year on behalf of the county's 13 district councils.

And 131 of them said they had slept on the streets just the previous night.

Dozens more said they had slept in places such as cars, subways, fields, beaches and even a graveyard.

The survey revealed that a large proportion of homeless people in Kent had drink, drug and mental health problems. Many of them have previously been in care, in prison or were former soldiers.

Shocked

Gillian Bryant, operations manager for East Kent Cyrenians, one of the groups that interviewed homeless people for the survey, said she was shocked by its results.

She said she was surprised that at least 112 people were sleeping rough.

"I was shocked and I've been working within homelessness for five years. I thought it was very high for this county.

"That's just people who have said they are sleeping rough. Other people have ticked boxes saying they are sleeping in cars, on beaches and other places."

Mrs Bryant added: "Those are 112 people that need resettling. It's a mammoth task."

She said there were many more homeless



POVERTY: Out of the 731 homeless people surveyed across Kent, 112 said they were sleeping rough on the streets

people in Kent who were not interviewed.

Based in Canterbury, East Kent Cyrenians mainly covers Canterbury and Dover. Funding for its work in Thanet was stopped.

Of the homeless people interviewed, 164

(22.44 per cent) said they had mental health problems. A total of 162 (22.16 per cent) admitted drugs problems and 156 (21.34 per cent) said they had drink problems.

Mrs Bryant said: "You're very lucky if you

meet a homeless person whose only problem is homelessness.

"[Many] have a drug and alcohol problem, which has resulted in them having a mental health problem, they have lost contact with their family and their friends, they are socially excluded and they are dealing with poverty."

Several have had experience of local authority care (99 – 13.54 per cent) and prison (260 – 35.57 per cent). Some said they had been in the Army (38 – 5.2 per cent).

A high number said they were unable to find accommodation because of the cost of rent and deposits.

But encouragingly, a large proportion said they would like training or help to find a job.

A spokeswoman for housing and homelessness charity, Shelter, said the figures showed the "huge and varied" problems people in the homeless "trap" suffer from.

She added: "If we are to begin to tackle their problems head on we must vastly increase the provision of safe, secure and suitable housing for homeless people, where drug and alcohol recovery programmes can be accessed."

But a spokeswoman for the Department of Communities and Local Government claimed that Kent's homeless problem was not as big as the survey suggested.

She said four local authorities in the county found only 11 rough sleepers when they did a count in December 2005.

"The number of people sleeping rough on the streets in England has fallen to a record low," said the spokeswoman.

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HAPPY FEET: Chernobyl youngster is happy with his new shoes from John Lewis

A big step for poor children of Chernobyl

CHILDREN from Chernobyl were fitted with new shoes during a visit to Kent.

Fourteen underprivileged seven and eight-year-olds are staying with families living in the Medway area, where they visit each year for a month over a period of four to five years.

An explosion at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, near Pripjat in Ukraine, on April 26, 1986, caused widespread radiation poisoning in the area.

The disaster was the worst accident in the history of nuclear power, with most of the radioactive fallout affecting Belarus

But a radioactive cloud also spread over countries including Russia, Moldova and reached as far away as Ireland, Italy and the UK.

It is thought the disaster was caused by either human error or a flaw in the reactor. On Friday, the young Ukrainians were given new shoes at John Lewis' Bluewater store, where they were also treated to lunch and each given a toy.

Adrian D'Arcy, chairman John Lewis Bluewater charity committee, said: "The partners around the branch really enjoy it when the children come to visit."

And the help will continue after they have gone home. The Friends of Chernobyl Children (FOCC) provides a 12-month supply of vitamins, medicines, clothes and food for the children and their families.

Shocked Ladyman at end of the road

No green light from Gordon as PM axes Transport Minister

By **JAMIE MCGINNIS**

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KENT MP Dr Stephen Ladyman has been sensationally sacked as a minister by Gordon Brown.

The MP for South Thanet lost his job as Transport Minister in a reshuffle by the new Prime Minister.

Dr Ladyman, who has been a minister for four years, previously in the Department of Health, admitted he was surprised and saddened.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I'm disappointed to say I have not been picked to stay in government."

Memories

He added: "I have got a lot of good memories of being a minister, but I'll now concentrate on being the MP for South Thanet."

Dr Ladyman, who was previously the Labour Party's most senior member in Kent, said he was shocked at being axed.

"All the transport stakeholders and everyone I've worked with thought very highly of me and I don't think any of them wanted to see me go."

"I was disappointed because I've had a great time."

But the MP said he was due to be given a "very important role" representing the South East region.

On Thursday, Mr Brown unveiled his new cabinet. A

number of new big hitters will now be tackling the major issues in Kent.

Jonathan Shaw, Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford, welcomed the appointment of Jacqui Smith as Britain's first female Home Secretary.

He has worked closely with her in the Department of Education and his party whips' office.

"She's a very capable person and a good planner," said Mr Shaw.

The Kent MP said she would rise to the challenge of the new role.

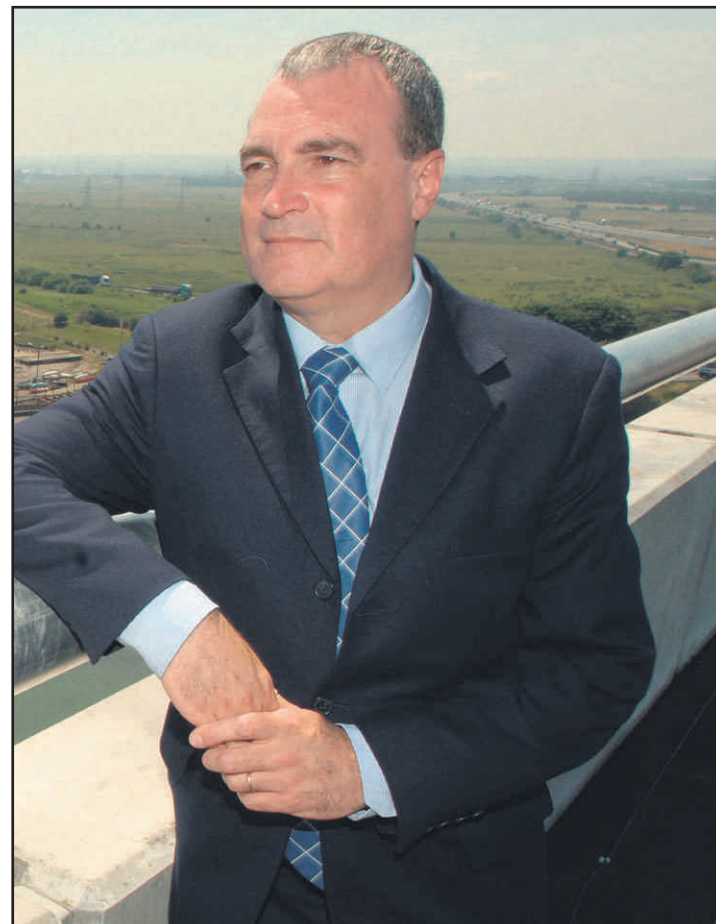
"No-one can under-estimate the task of the Home Secretary in today's world, but having worked with Jacqui at close quarters, I think she's more than up to the job."

Tessa Jowell will continue to oversee the delivery of the 2012 Olympics, even though she has been replaced as Culture Secretary by James Purnell and made Minister for the Olympics instead.

Hugh Robertson, MP for Faversham and Mid-Kent – and the Tories' sports spokesman – said: "It's a completely chaotic and unwieldy solution which looks suspiciously like a consolation prize for a sacked minister."

"It won't help the efficient delivery of the Olympics one iota."

Mr Robertson said Mr Purnell should honour Ms Jowell's promise, made in an interview with KoS in April, to meet with campaigners trying to raise money for essential repairs to Canterbury Cathedral.



DISAPPOINTED: Dr Steve Ladyman said he was highly thought of by people in the transport industry

Elsewhere, Ruth Kelly, who was behind unpopular proposals to shake-up the planning system and make it harder for 'Nimbys' to resist development, has been made Transport Secretary.

New Work and Pensions Secretary Peter Hain will have to sort out the pensions crisis faced by thousands of workers across the UK who lost their savings when their firms went bust – including former steelworkers employed at Allied Steel and Wire in Sheerness.

Housing Minister Yvette Cooper will now sit in Cabinet. She will have to oversee the quality and green credentials of

new homes built in Kent's 'growth areas' and that housing is delivered on time.

As Health Secretary, Alan Johnson will need to address the deficit of Kent's NHS and bring down waiting times for treatments, particularly in the east of the county.

Farmers in Kent will be hoping that new Environment Secretary Hilary Benn will ensure there's no repeat of the late payments fiasco which last year plunged many of them into the red.

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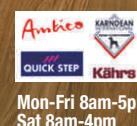
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'Insider filmed £53m heist site'

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A WORKER at the Securitas depot that was the scene of Britain's biggest-ever cash robbery filmed the site using a hidden camera, a court heard.

Emir Hysenaj, 27, who counted cash at the Tonbridge premises, was said to have grilled other employees about alarms and CCTV cameras a month before the £53 million raid in February 2006.

Security

The Albanian, from Crowborough, East Sussex, used a camera the size of a 50p piece to record the depot's interior, the Old Bailey was told.

On Friday, Sir John Nutting QC, prosecuting, told the jury that a colleague of Mr Hysenaj had told police he had taken an "unseemly interest" in the depot's security.

Sir John said he asked about the amount of money which could be stored in the individual cages, how thick the walls were, how the loading bay doors opened, how many CCTV cameras there were and if there were



IN THE DOCK: An artist's drawing of the eight accused in the £53 million Securitas raid at the Old Bailey

panic alarms.

"Hysenaj said the allegations were rubbish because he had been told all such information as part of his training when he joined Securitas," said Sir John.

Jurors were told Mr Hysenaj started work at the Tonbridge depot two months before the £53m raid and shortly afterwards. When asked about the day he was alleged to have secretly filmed the site, and why he had been seen loitering near the loading bay doors, he said he had been "killing time before his shift".

Mr Hysenaj is one of eight people who deny charges in connection with the robbery.

Another Albanian, Jetmir Bucpapa, 26, of Tonbridge, is also on trial, along with car salesman Stuart

Royle, 48, of Maidstone, former business partner John Fowler, 58, of Staplehurst, roofer Lea Rusha, 35, of Southborough, and garage owner Roger Coutts, 30, of Welling.

Michelle Hogg, 32, admitted applying prosthetic masks to four men but said she did not know how they would be used.

Signwriter Keith Borer, 53, Maidstone, denies a charge of handling stolen money.

All the defendants except Mr Borer are charged with conspiracy to rob, conspiracy to kidnap the depot manager and his family and conspiracy to possess firearms.

The case continues.

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Operation Stack: is the nightmare over?

A MACHINE that lays down concrete barriers on roads to control traffic flows will be used to deal with the chaos caused by Operation Stack.

Dr Stephen Ladyman – Labour MP for South Thanet – announced that £12.6 million will be invested in the Quickchange Moveable Barrier (QMB), which will go into action within a year.

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ries are disrupted due to bad weather or industrial action in France, lorries are currently queued on the M20 – causing severe congestion at the ports of Dover and Folkestone.

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Smoking laws could put pubs out of business

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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SOME village pubs could be forced to close by the smoking ban coming into force today, it is claimed.

The Kent-based head of a national publicans' group has warned traditional community pubs that do not serve food are most at risk.

Closures

Godfrey Page, chairman of the Guild of Master Victuallers, which represents hundreds of pubs nationally, said the smoking ban would inevitably lead to some closures.

"The margins often with people in tenant and leased pubs are so small that a small reduction in turnover will lead them to say, 'it's not worth it anymore'."

From today, it is illegal to smoke in nearly all enclosed public spaces,



BANNED: Signs will be in all pubs

including offices, factories, bars and pubs.

Mr Page, who runs the Mackland Arms in Rainham, said pubs that relied entirely on drink sales would suffer the most.

He said people who liked to smoke when they drank were more likely to stay at home.

There are about 2,500 pubs in Kent. Faversham-based brewer Shepherd

Neame will have spent more than £3million by September on overhauling its pubs for the ban, with, for example, covered and heated areas in beer gardens.

However some pubs will have been unable to make changes to allow punters to smoke outside.

New figures from the annual British Social Attitudes survey claim that only 48 per cent of people in England support the ban.

The report by the National Centre for Social Research said middle class people backed the ban more than those in the working class.

But the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health said the change would save many lives.

Lisa Fowle, IOSH president, said: "We believe this ban will have a major impact on improving the health of workers, reducing the associated risks of lung cancer and heart disease from passive smoke."

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WEDDING PLANNER: Gillian McKeith in Maidstone

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TV NUTRITIONIST Gillian McKeith paid a visit to the Archbishop's Palace in Maidstone to celebrate a wedding with a difference.

The presenter of Channel 4's hit programme *You Are What You Eat* and best-selling author, was in town with a film crew to record a wedding ceremony for an episode of her new series, *Three Fat Brides, One*

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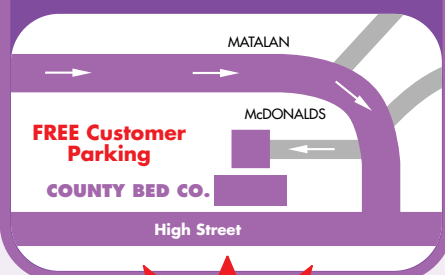


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Mum's tribute to murdered son

THE MOTHER of a teenage boy who was stabbed and beaten to death has paid tribute to him.

Ben Hitchcock, 16, died in a fight involving up to 40 youths in Southend Road, Beckenham, last weekend.

The teenager staggered to his feet during the brawl, which was just before midnight last Saturday, but was punched and fell on an iron

spiked railing. He was taken to Lewisham Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

His mother, Lee Hitchcock, from Penge in Bromley, said: "My son was loved very much by his family and many friends."

"We will miss him terribly, more than anything in the world. Ben was the kindest, happiest and most loving boy that ever walked this earth."

"He was 16 and had just finished his exams at school. He had the rest of his life before him. I appeal to anyone who knows who killed my Ben to get in touch with the police."

Thirteen boys and one girl aged between 14-16 were arrested by police following the fight.

They were taken to south London police stations and released on bail until August.



LOVING: Ben, 16, died during a street brawl

'US trip will bring big benefits to Kent'

KCC officials are not on a 'jolly' at US festival

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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THE Smithsonian Folklife Festival is an "extraordinary shop window" for Kent.

Amanda Cottrell, chairman of Kent Tourism Alliance, who is among those representing the county at the event in Washington DC, said the Garden of England would reap huge benefits.

County council officers and a senior politician are also at the festival, which is attended by more than one million people.

But people were wrong if they thought their trip was a 'jolly', said Mrs Cottrell.

"It's absolutely not," the former High Sheriff of Kent said, speaking to Kent on Sunday from the US capital.

"We're working our socks off here."



STATESIDE: KCC's Alex King (left) is at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington DC



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

Taking place in Washington DC's National Mall, between the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument, the festival started on Wednesday and runs until next Sunday.

Kent's stand at this year's festival is the first time any part of England has featured in the 41-year-old event. Scotland had a

stall in 2003, which Kent County Council claimed had generated £1 million for the country.

But critics say that sending fewer council staff would have saved money. They have questioned KCC spending £250,000 on sponsorship for the festival.

Cllr Alex King, deputy leader of KCC, is at the event with eight officers.

Another three KCC officers are based at the British embassy in Washington, tasked with helping promote Kent as a business location.

Excessive

Derek Smyth, deputy leader of the Labour group on the county council, said he thought the number of staff sent by Tory-led KCC was excessive.

"When there are so many other things which we're cutting back, in areas like library services and adult services, we are doubly obliged to be very careful in how we spend money," he added.

A spokesman for KCC said the officers were working 12-hour days on the stand, including weekends. He said the festival was like the Kent County Show "four times magnified".

He added: "The Americans absolutely lap it up."

The spokesman said Cllr King and the council officers had flown to America by economy class.

Every year the Smithsonian Institution showcases the culture of three different places at the festival. Kent features alongside Virginia in a programme called The Roots of Virginia Culture, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown – the first permanent English settlement in North America.

Bethersden's famous Stevenson Brothers, who sell handmade rocking horses worldwide, have a place on Kent's stand. They were interviewed this week by American TV channel Fox News for a report that went out across the country.

KoS revealed last month that KCC had spent almost £11,000 on two trips to America by officers and a senior politician in May.

Cllr King travelled to Virginia for almost a fortnight for a trip that took in the Queen's visit. Four other KCC officers assisted with "arrangements" for an anniversary weekend from May 11-13 and helped prepare for the Smithsonian.

Police happy with new order

A DISPERSAL order in Broadstairs is proving a success, say police.

They have moved on 29 people since the order was introduced in the town to cut anti-social behaviour a month ago.

Made by Thanet District Council and police in East Kent, it is designed to give the police powers to disperse groups of people they believe are causing trouble or intimidating others.

High-speed rail line may drive people to their cars

PREMIUM fares for high-speed train services will force more people to take their cars instead, according to a senior Tory.

Domestic services on Kent's High Speed 1 network – previously known as the Channel Tunnel Rail Link – are due to start in December 2009.

Chris Grayling, the Tories' shadow transport secretary, visited Ramsgate this week and said he was worried about the extra charges for the high-speed services.

"If you're coming in from Ramsgate (to London) you've still got a journey of nearly an hour and a half and you've got the prospect of a one third fare increase," he told KoS.

"If you push fares up too much, you price people off the railways. The result of these fare increases is that fewer people from Ramsgate will travel by train. More will drive."

High Speed 1 was built using £5.8 billion of taxpayers' money.

Auction

Mr Grayling, MP for Epsom and Ewell, said there should be more scrutiny of private firms running Britain's railways.

He said when private firms bid for public railway contracts, issues other than merely cost should be taken much more into account.

"I want to change the way that private train companies become involved in the rail industry. At the moment, effectively what we have is an auction."

"What I want to do is change the whole basis of the way the industry works, so we can put an end to the situation where people are bidding to pay money to government and then squeezing the passengers."

He said it was a "great shame" that Eurostar had decided to cut the number of services to Paris and completely axe trains to Brussels from Ashford once Ebbsfleet station opens in November.

"I wish they hadn't taken that decision and I hope in time they come to realise it's a mistake and change it."

Practice opens up

A NEW NHS dental practice opens tomorrow.

West Kent Primary Care Trust is opening the practice at Gravesend Community Hospital.

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Gangs make a pile from your rubbish

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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NEARLY 30,000 incidents of fly-tipping were reported in Kent last year, new figures reveal.

And the Environment Agency has admitted that the problem of organised gangs dumping waste in exchange for cash is on the rise.

But Kent County Council claimed a campaign it launched three years ago to tackle fly-tipping is proving a success.

Details obtained by Kent on Sunday show there were 27,854 reports of fly-tipping in May 2006 to April 2007.

Alan Cansdale, environment manager for the Environment Agency, told KoS that "intelligence-led" methods were being used to hunt down fly-tippers, but he admitted a lot more work needed to be done.

Criminals

"Organised waste crime has been an increasing problem in Kent," he said.

"In response to this, the Environment Agency has set up a dedicated environmental crime team. This team has been developing an intelligence-led way of dealing with the problem of waste crime.

"Instead of waiting for large-scale fly-tipping to happen, we are targeting waste carriers and waste producers to track down the criminals."

Mr Cansdale added: "We have already seen some significant successes, but recognise that there is a long way to go."

Gangs have been setting up "front" firms offering to legally dispose of waste, but instead dump it in the countryside or unauthorised landfill sites – costing local authorities in Kent several thousands of pounds



FLY-TIPPING: Our countryside is being ruined by discarded rubbish

each year to clear up.

They fly-tip everything from general household waste, fridges and garden refuse to cars and commercial waste such as rubble and tyres.

In May, the Countryside Alliance warned that the Government's plans for fortnightly rubbish collections, as well as a hike in the landfill tax announced in March, risked an increase in fly-tipping.

The Clean Kent campaign was launched by the county council in May 2004 to tackle environmental crime, clean up neighbourhoods and encourage more local people to take pride in their surroundings.

It is now recruiting three 'flying squads' to tackle fly-tipping, on top of the work district councils already do.

Melanie Price, Clean Kent co-ordinator, claimed that the fight against fly-tippers was being won.

"According to ongoing monitoring through the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the National Flycatcher Database, Kent is successfully managing to decrease fly-tipping incidences countywide," she said.

"Clean Kent has a 10 per cent reduction target for fly-tipping with central government which it is currently meeting."

The figures from the Environment Agency showed there was a slight drop last year in reports of fly-tipping in Kent, as there were 30,692 in 2005-06, compared to 27,854 last year.

Robin Baker White, a former High Sheriff of Kent whose family farms 1,500 acres near Canterbury, said his land had

been targeted several times by fly-tippers.

He said he had evidence of who was responsible for two recent incidents, but claimed police were not interested.

"The annoying thing is nobody seems to be capable or willing or prepared to do anything about taking people to court and prosecuting them, even when the evidence is there."

A spokeswoman for Kent Police said Mr Baker White's reports had been taken seriously, but they were unable to track down the offenders.

She said some fly-tippers in north Kent had been given anti-social behaviour orders and even prison sentences.

"We do say to people that if they see a crime in progress – and this includes fly-tipping – to ring us immediately," the spokeswoman added.

Anyone with information about serious or organised waste crime should contact the Environment Agency's incident hotline on 0800 807060. For smaller scale fly-tipping telephone the Clean Kent campaign on 0845 450210.

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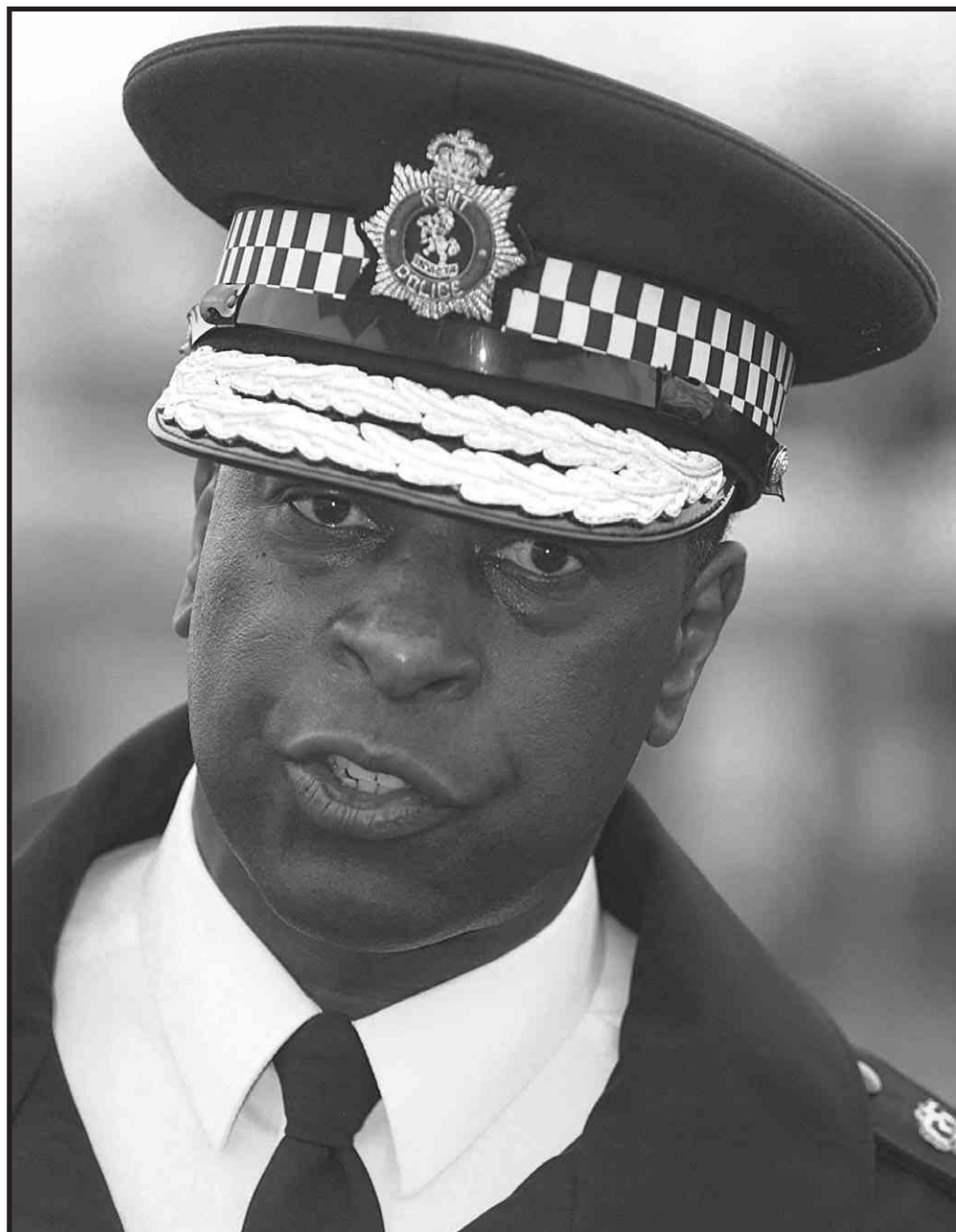
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'Kent is safer now: and



CHALLENGES: Michael Fuller says the neighbourhood policing approach is reaping rewards

SPECIAL INTERVIEW: Chief Constable Michael Fuller on how crime rates are falling

CRIME in the county has "significantly reduced", according to new figures revealed by the Chief Constable.

Latest Kent Police statistics shown to Kent on Sunday show a decrease in all crime of two per cent in the last year – from 147,882 to 144,965 crimes.

Violent crime has decreased by 0.4 per cent for the same period, from June 2006 to May 2007.

This represents 122 less violent crimes, down from 30,417 to 30,295, bucking the national trend of continual increases in violence.

However, burglary has risen slightly, with the number of offences rising by 1.2 per cent. Burglaries of non-residential properties, such as sheds and outhouses, have fallen by 0.9 per cent.

Vehicle crime is down 8.1 per cent; motor vehicle theft is down 13.3 per cent; life-threatening and gun crime is down by 1.7 per cent.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller said: "We are seeing a reduction in all crime, which is important to me. But we have had challenges.

"Violent crime has been the most challenging problem for me to tackle. It still is. For the first time I can say with pleasure we are now down. It is a significant number less."

He said the introduction of relaxed licensing laws had fuelled an increase in violence but this had now been brought down through new policing methods in town centres.

These include increasing police presence at takeaways, schemes with taxi and bus companies to get people home quicker and earlier intervention during the course of an evening.

However, he added: "I don't believe we are anywhere near a café culture."

Mr Fuller attributed the reductions in overall crime to the introduction of his neighbourhood policing approach.

When he became chief constable in January 2004, he said the force's focus was very much on intelligence-led policing.

But despite some initial scepticism from fellow officers and the public, he said neighbourhood policing has produced good results.

"Neighbourhood officers are actually out in the community, getting a lot of information, particularly Police Community Support Officers.

"We did some research on PCSOs and their effectiveness and with hindsight it was no big surprise that the areas where we have them have seen reductions in crime.

"If criminals see a uniformed officer they are not going to commit crime when they know they are going to get caught."

'Violent crime has been the most challenging problem for me to tackle – it still is'

He said neighbourhood policing was the main reason for the decrease in criminal damage, which is down 1.9 per cent from 36,766 to 36,060 offences.

And he said residents are becoming more able to influence local policing priorities through a series of new "street briefings" introduced this year where police and council officers meet members of the public outside to discuss concerns.

However, robbery has increased by 3.6 per cent (from 1,334 to 1,382), which Mr Fuller attributes to the "age-old problems of drug addiction driving acquisitive crime".

He said parents and schools were now reporting more crimes. "That is the stealing of things that children would not have taken to school three years ago. Most children now have mobile phones and many have iPods."

Street robbery has fallen by 1.5 per cent: a drop from 1,190 to 1,172.

Asked if Kent is a safer place now than when he joined, Mr Fuller said: "Definitely.

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"But some of the things people said to me, that you wouldn't be able to deal with criminal damage and some of the neighbourhood problems – for the first time we are showing reductions.

"Yes, it has taken a long time, but at least now we are seeing reductions."

The county's constabulary has 3,650 police officers and 222 PCSOs – set to increase by 120 next week – working alongside them.

Mr Fuller said he wanted to counter an argument put forward last week by the former Crimewatch presenter, Nick Ross, who claimed in a Sunday Times article that the decline in the overall crime rate is less to do with policing initiatives than advances in security by car and home owners.

Mr Fuller said the claim was "disingenuous" and added: "I can categorically state that has not been the case in Kent because certain things have made a huge impact and we have seen an increase in crime as a result."

He cited extended licensing hours and the constabulary's internal restructuring as prime examples, adding: "We saw increases in crime and I don't think we were as effective as we are now."

But Mr Fuller said police were key proponents in "designing out crime" by urging manufacturers to increase security. He said he had worked in the past to lobby for the introduction of more secure cars and chip and pin.

The method of policing and the increased number of community officers had also led to the fall in criminal offences. "Crime and disorder does not reduce by chance," said Mr Fuller. "Policing effort really does make the difference as to whether you get reductions or not. So it is disingenuous in at least to say crime will go down anyway."

In the article, Mr Ross attacked the "tick-box mentality" and "restrictive practices" that he claims bedevil modern policing.

He said: "They have fallen into a 'tick-box



BUREAUCRACY: the former Crimewatch presenter Nick Ross says police spend too much time filling out forms

mentality' where filling out forms and questionnaires has taken over so much time.

"A lot of it is completely unnecessary, although it has been imposed on them from above."

In response, Mr Fuller said he was keen to reduce the amount of bureaucracy. "There is too much. It interferes with effectiveness."

He said he was committed to researching solutions to reduce bureaucracy and to put as many officers as possible onto the front line.

Meanwhile, the issue of convicted paedophiles living in towns and cities has not been far from the headlines in recent years.

There are 40 high-risk offenders living in Kent, said Mr Fuller.

Does he believe the public has a right

to know if a registered sex offender is living next door?

"The issue is; if people know that, what are they going to do with that information?"

"If it means they are then going to attack that individual and hound them out of town then no, it's not a constructive way of dealing and managing that sex offender."

"What we do within Kent is we visit the sex offenders and they are risk-assessed as part of the system of public protection."

"If they have been in prison and have escaped then yes they are a danger to the public [so we would release details]."

"Some of these offenders are people who have served sentences of imprisonment, so ostensibly they are free men."

"The effectiveness of the legislation, which is preventative, relies on compliance by sex offenders."

"We need them to register and co-operate with the authorities so we can monitor them effectively. At the moment we have very good levels of compliance."

Mr Fuller, 48, has been tipped to go on to a more senior job after Kent, and has been linked with the top job in British policing – Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

But before we could ask, he said: "I'm not going anywhere."



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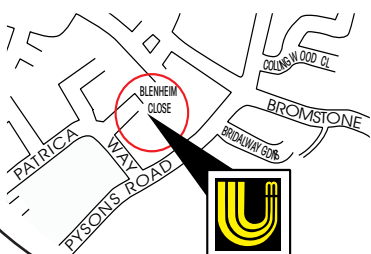
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Secret heroism of star cricketer

EDDIE CRUSH, who died in hospital almost 63 years to the day after being among Allied troops who landed in Normandy, will long be remembered by Kent cricket followers as the bowler who dismissed the great Donald Bradman during the Australian's last tour of England.

But few people will be aware of his outstanding bravery in World War Two when a prolonged act of courage earned him the Military Cross and helped eliminate one of the biggest German threats to the success of the D-Day landings.

Like so many of those who took part in the invasion of Normandy, Eddie was reluctant to talk about his role or his Military Cross. Understandably, he wanted to enjoy the peace, resume normal life – and play cricket.

A grateful nation shared his desire to return to normality and his gallantry in a small French village in 1944 was not widely known.

It was Eddie Crush, a subaltern in the Royal Engineers, who 'batted' for his side in the frontline at Lebissey, a rural community which overlooked Caen, the German-held stronghold four miles away.

The capture of Caen had been a high pri-

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ority on General Montgomery's battle plans, but repeated bombing and shelling failed to break the enemy's resolve. While the overall advance into France continued to make progress, the fight for Caen became something of a battle within a battle. General Eisenhower feared the wrong outcome could undermine the Allies' foothold in France.

Action

Lieutenant Crush was asked to clear a damaged vehicle being used to block the single-track road leading into the village. He approached the obstruction under heavy fire, attached a line and towed it some 500 yards back to his own lines.

When the main attack went in, he led a road clearance team and suffered shrapnel wounds. Despite that, he remained in the thick of the action and continued to remove mines and booby-traps, even after his own vehicle, a replacement armoured carrier, and then a half-track in which he was travelling, were put out of action by enemy artillery and mortar fire.

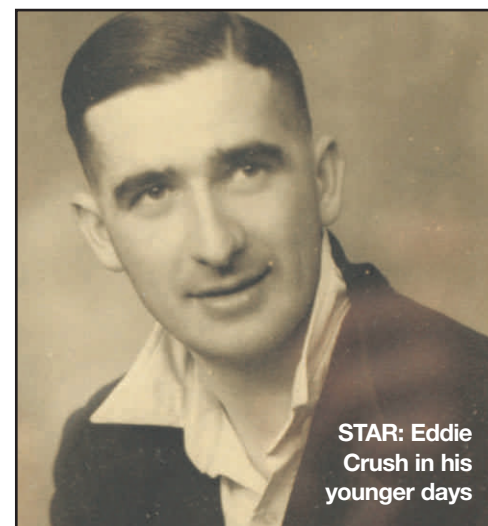
As the advancing troops entered the enemy's main fire zone, Eddie continued to remove dangers and obstructions along a route overlooked by German snipers.

However, what Eddie once described as his only innings in France was far from over. He spent another two hours under fire assisting the advancing troops.

The following day, accompanied by members of his platoon in four bulldozers, he cleared the way through traps and demolished buildings into the most devastated area of Caen and went on to open up a vital route to the port area.

His unit was withdrawn from the front line a few hours later – and only then did Eddie seek treatment for his wounds.

Part of his Military Cross citation says: "As a result of his courage and determined leadership, anti-tank guns, troops and an anti-tank regiment of the Royal Artillery were able to get up to the objective for consolidation at a



STAR: Eddie Crush in his younger days

very early stage in the battle."

Eddie was 90 when he died on June 9. He is survived by his widow, Dorothea, and two sons, Michael and Peter.

During his Kent career (1946-49) Eddie took 83 wickets and scored 1,078 runs.

A special memorial service was held on Friday at St Andrew's Church in Dover.

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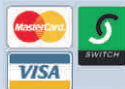
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Singing their way from West Africa

SOME are blind from birth. Others lost their sight from disease. And some were blinded by rebel soldiers during the civil war.

But the choristers of the Milton Margai School for the Blind in Sierra Leone do not want your pity.

Instead, they want you to understand the joy that they get from singing.

These are the words of Barbara Davidson, the Englishwoman who helps run the blind school in Freetown.

The school's renowned choir is coming to Kent later this month to perform a special fundraising concert at Canterbury Cathedral on July 30.

It is being organised by Kent on Sunday with the UK charity that supports the school.

KoS visited the school in Freetown, the colourful and chaotic capital of Sierra Leone, last month to meet the teachers and children and to watch the 20-strong choir preview their impressive show.

Composer Alie Contah, 29, told KoS readers why no one should miss the forthcoming Canterbury concert.

"First I will address those who saw us in 2003, during our last tour. I know they have no doubt we can do something. To those who witnessed it, we have more stuff, better stuff.

"To those who did not hear, they need to come for themselves and just see the package.

"If they miss this concert, they are really going to be regretting it for the rest of their lives.

"Better them come to the place and see for themselves."

Mr Contah, who is blind, started making music in 1985. He composes classical and choral music and also enjoys making music with hip hop, reggae, African and calypso influences.

The headmaster Albert Sandy said: "Music has put this school on the map. Because music is associated with blindness, a lot of people who are blind turn towards music."

He gave Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles as examples. The school, which has around 80 pupils, has won several medals and competitions for its music and has produced five albums.

Mr Sandy said: "This is a group of blind young children from Africa who will show you their talent and teach you their culture."

The show will feature largely traditional West African music. The choir will be on tour in the UK for three weeks and will visit Kent, London, Cardiff and Hull.

For the first week, the choir members will be the guests of the Dorton House School for Blind, in Sevenoaks, which is also home of the Royal London Society for the Blind.

The two schools are twinned as Milton Margai depends on much of its support from overseas. It is supposed to be supported by the Sierra Leonean government but funds have not always been forthcoming.

During the civil war, the school and its pupils suffered a lot. When Freetown was caught up in fighting, the school was evacuated with pupils being taken to another school in a different part of the capital.

But it soon became unsafe so the children and staff returned. Rebels had badly damaged the school.

"We came back because there was nowhere we could have taken them," said Mr Sandy. "Most of their families had disappeared. They had very little food and then we ran out. So we went to the junta [the then military government] and literally begged for food."

Since the war ended in 2002, staff have been slowly rebuilding the school.

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**BERNARD
GINNS reports
on the blind
children of
Sierra Leone
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Ms Davidson, 51, said: "Things are tough. We struggle sometimes to run this place. When we don't get grants it's normally people from overseas who help to run the school with gifts and donations.

"The children don't have anything that they can give back to these people apart from their voices."

Ms Davidson, originally from Newcastle, has been at the school for 15 years.

In 2004 she was awarded an MBE for services to the blind in Sierra Leone.

The irony of the school, she said, is that it is the only free school in Sierra Leone. The blind children who attend probably get a better education from more than 20 dedicated teaching staff than those in mainstream schools.

Mr Sandy has worked at the school for 18 years. He is the only teacher who has qualifications to teach special-needs children.

He said: "We train them a lot with mobility to walk from place to place and to be able to look at themselves in an environment with confidence.

"[But] the general attitude in Sierra Leone is negative. The chance for the children to have a job or to live on their own in Freetown is very slim because of the negative attitude towards them.

"People in Sierra Leone are not aware of the rights and privileges of the disabled. I am sure a lot of these rights and privileges will be supported if there was legislation. We need a lot of advocacy."

The school also needs educational materials, a resource centre and specialist training for the majority of its staff.

In 2004, the charity UK Association for the Milton Margai School for the Blind was established to support the school.

KoS has teamed up with the charity to organise the concert on July 30.

Cathedral authorities have lent their support to the show. The Royal London Society for the Blind, based at Sevenoaks, the specialist events company SRD Group, of Tonbridge, and the Vision Charity are also providing valuable support.

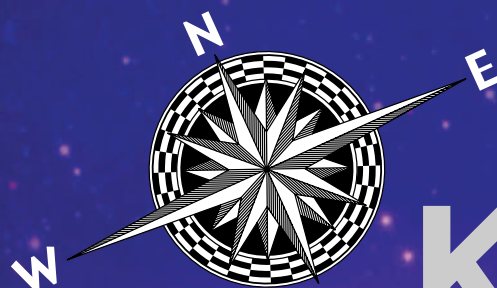
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SOUND OF MUSIC: Barbara Davidson (far right) with the choir and pupils of Milton Margai School for the Blind in Sierra Leone

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Rare Shackleton book fetches a small fortune

THE man who discovered a book by explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, which went under the hammer for £43,200 this week, says the moment he realised its worth was a "Del Boy Trotter moment".

John Clarke, from Farnborough, near Orpington, found the book hidden in the filing cabinet of his uncle who recently died.

In the hit BBC1 TV show *Only Fools and Horses*, loveable trader Derek 'Del Boy' Trotter, portrayed by David Jason, finally becomes a millionaire after discovering an old watch in his garage which sells for £6.2million.

While Mr Clarke's find may not have been quite so profitable, he admits he was gobsmacked when it went for almost double the asking price at New Bond Street auction house, Bonhams.

Aurora Australis, named after the spectacular sky lights of the Southern hemisphere, was edited and published by Shackleton and his fellow explorers during their Nimrod expedition to Antarctica from 1907-1909.

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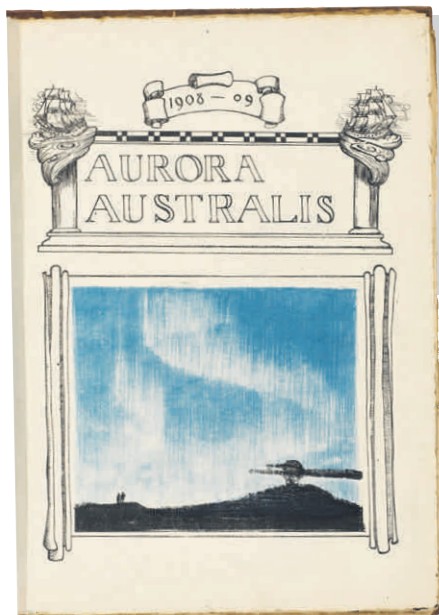
Archivists believe that only 80 copies were ever printed and just 65 have survived. It sold to an anonymous buyer.

Mr Clarke told KoS: "The book was in the home of my uncle Walter Clarke. He recently passed away and as his executor I was going through his papers and clearing things out.

"At the bottom of a filing cabinet I found some sheets of paper between two plywood covers.

"Apparently members of the expedition had used packing cases to bind the papers together - I could see the stencils on them.

"It was quite a shock - my uncle had never even mentioned it existed. I think of it as a sort of 'Del Boy moment'."



SHOCK DISCOVERY: A copy of *Aurora Australis*, by Sir Ernest Shackleton, was uncovered in a filing cabinet in Orpington and sold for almost twice the asking price when it was auctioned at Bonhams



The copy of *Aurora Australis* was sold by Bonhams, with an autographed letter from Ernest Joyce.

In it, he describes their departure from New Zealand in heavy gales and the eventual sighting of Antarctica: "The Great Ice Barrier

is worth seeing as it's over 500 miles long."

Talking of their planned assault on the South Pole after the winter, he stated: "I'm sure we will break all records."

The Nimrod trip did break new ground, with Shackleton and his team successfully climbing Mount Erebus, but it wasn't the explorer's first trip to Antarctica.

In 1901 he had been part of Robert Falcon Scott's Antarctic team and trekked the closest to the South Pole that any expedition had managed. In 1908 he led his own team on the Nimrod.

"I'm not sure who bought the book," added Mr Clarke. "I never saw him, even though I was at the auction hall. But a member of the staff there said it was someone who is a keen collector of polar expedition memorabilia."

MEP slams freight depot plan

GREEN MEP Dr Caroline Lucas has given her backing to the fight against a freight depot planned for 264 acres of countryside.

Dr Lucas, who represents the South-East, has signed the online petition against the Kent International Gateway plans - which can be found at www.stopkig.org - and pledged to make a formal objection to Maidstone Borough Council.

She said in a statement: "We do need to get freight off the roads and onto rail in order to reduce carbon emissions and so to combat climate change.

"However, this is a crazy location for a depot

as lorries will have to travel through the busiest sections of the M25 to get to it.

"It would be better to build it on the M25 or to construct several, smaller road-rail freight interchanges to minimise the distance lorries travel to reach them.

"Neither is this a suitable site for housing as some local councillors have suggested."

The group behind the depot has yet to apply for planning permission for the depot, but plans outlined to residents show up to 2,000 lorry movements a day, transporting containers that will then be loaded onto trains bound for the rest of Britain or Europe.

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FIRST it was Google and its satellite photography which allowed you to view your neighbourhood like never before.

But now arch-rival Microsoft has gone one better and put images online which allow you to peer into your neighbour's back garden.

Bill Gates' company this week uploaded images of a number of Kent towns, providing a crystal clear image at 'Bird's Eye View' as part of its Virtual Earth.

Not only does it allow you to see the dustbins outside your front door and the patio set in the garden, but you can see it from four different angles.

Among the towns benefiting so far include Ashford, Ramsgate and parts of Whitstable, with more to go online soon.

A spokeswoman for the Microsoft service said: "It means you can sit at your PC and now access high quality aerial photographs of a local landmark, the street you're buying on, or just your home – and view them from a full 360 degrees from the air."

"The images are taken at 3,000 feet from the north,

south, east and west. Basically you can 'fly' over the town from your desk."

The online mapping space has become a fierce battle ground in recent months, with Google Earth's gaining initial plaudits for its ability to zoom in from space down to neighbourhoods and streets.

It used NASA satellites and was rolled out in its Google Earth package which, since its launch two years ago, has been downloaded by more than 200 million users.

Keen not to allow its rival to make headway, Microsoft has been developing its own Virtual Earth service, becoming a popular application used by TV news channels to give viewers an aerial perspective of breaking news stories in areas across the world.

The 'Bird's Eye View' is currently only available for a handful of towns and cities in the UK.

• To access Microsoft's service log-on to <http://maps.live.com> and type in your town. To access Google's service, log-on to www.google.co.uk and click on 'maps'. Put in the town name then press the 'satellite button'. Or go to www.earth.google.com and download the free software.

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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

Out in the cold

THE SURVEY of homeless people revealed in this week's KoS sheds light on a worrying and sad problem.

It is difficult to imagine what life must be like for the 131 people who said they had slept rough the night before they were interviewed for the report. Many more were sleeping in cars, on the beach or in train stations.

A large number had drink, drugs and mental health problems.

There is some cause for hope. A great deal of the respondents said they would welcome training or help finding a job.

However, that comes against the backdrop of a lack of funding for support groups like the East Kent Cyrenians.

The Government claims the number of people sleeping on England's streets is at an all-time low, but that does not seem to square with the Kent survey.

Ministers need to do more to make sure homeless people get the help they need and aren't just left out in the cold.

Jails plan a joke

CHIEF Constable Michael Fuller has confirmed what we have thought all along – releasing prisoners early from jail is a crazy idea. It is certainly not sending out a good message to criminals about the punishment they will receive if they break the law.

They must be made to serve their time – not given get out of jail free cards.

Happy birthday

IT is a venue fit for the Queen – as well as an assortment of the entertainment world's greats. Here's to another 80 years of the Leas Cliff Hall.

OPINION: KCC's age concerns

GRAHAM GIBBENS says everyone can live to a ripe old age across the county

Even more strikingly perhaps, in Park Farm South in Ashford, the average life expectancy is 75.5, whereas in Park Farm North, next door, it is 86.

In my view, and I would imagine that of most other people in the county, this is frankly not acceptable in 2007.

It cannot be right that some communities in Kent have health which is so much poorer than others.

Overall, Kent has reasonably good health compared to the rest of England and Wales but that masks the significant issues in some places.

What accounts for the differences? It is of course a complex picture. People's behaviour – what they choose to eat, drink, ingest or smoke and their decision to exercise or not – plays a very major part.

Difficulty in accessing public services and a lack of facilities – leisure centres or simply spaces for children to play – contributes too.

Deprivation and lack of information makes unhealthy behaviour much more likely.

In Meradin Peachey, Kent has a new public health director jointly

funded by Kent County Council, West Kent Primary Care Trust and Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust.

She will be looking at patterns of health and disease across the county to enable KCC, the NHS and the district and borough councils better to use their resources to improve health.

She will be recommending public health programmes such as Healthy Schools or Smoke Free which draw on what communities believe will work for them.

And Meradin will actively seek out more local initiatives to help reduce the toll that smoking, obesity and alcohol and drug misuse take on the people of Kent.

The focus is on prevention and the aim is to ensure that the people of Kent get the biggest bang possible for their buck. It is now clear that some illness – with all the costs and distress it brings – is genuinely avoidable.

Meradin said: "If considerable resources were shifted into prevention, it would be much better than all the illness we are treating."

In Kent's initial public health strategy, now the subject of widespread consultation, we have set



six major aims: to reduce health inequalities, heart disease, teenage pregnancy and drug and alcohol misuse, to improve the mental health and well-being of children, and support more older people with chronic disease to live at home.

'It is now clear that some illness is genuinely avoidable'

We aim to help people live healthier lifestyles and enjoy their lives more. And in the long run we hope the outcome will be that children born in the areas of Kent where people's health has traditionally been poor will be able to enjoy as long and healthy lives as their contemporaries elsewhere in the county.

• **Graham Gibbens is Kent County Council's cabinet member for public health.**

Australian Chiropractor Opens His New Practice in Ashford

From 6th June, Senior Chiropractor, Adam Fischer started his new practice at the Chiropractic UK Group Centre in Barrow Hill, Maidstone Road, Ashford, checking sufferers of:

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- Some Arthritis
- Work & Sporting Injuries
- Numbness
- Disc Problems



Dr Adam Fischer

Born in Australia, I completed my Chiropractic Masters Degree at Macquarie University in Sydney, graduating in 1993. I started receiving Chiropractic Care at the age of 15 and it has made a huge difference in my life and helped improve my sporting abilities.

I then decided to move to the UK and have been successfully practising here for over 10 years. I am now looking forward to helping the local people of Ashford.

The Chiropractic Centre in Maidstone Road, Ashford (close to the Town Centre) and has been designed to be one of the most modern in the South East, with spacious treatment rooms and the latest technology in treatment tables, thermal scanning, rehabilitation equipment, x-ray facilities and ample car parking.

Our Group's audited statistics (taken from

patient's own self assessment questionnaires) currently show that over 90% of our patients report improvement to their health by their 6th visit. Our Group's Statistics are published every month and displayed with our library of patient testimonial books at the Centre for all visitors to see and we welcome interest from local health trusts and GP surgeries.

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Novel view

I believe that the British Governments' demonisation of the Islamic world is a disgraceful injustice. The majority of Muslims are peaceful, law-abiding citizens.

However, I feel that the militant fanatics who issue fatwas against authors for allegedly insulting Islam are giving Muslims generally a terrible, undeserved reputation across the globe.

I would have thought that if one's faith is genuinely unwavering then a novel shouldn't cause a person to fly into a psychotic rage and want to kill another human being for writing something derogatory about their religion.

*Clive Wilkins-Oppler
Canterbury*

Help the aged

Thank you for the article in Kent on Sunday last week which outlined CARM's concerns about KCC's proposed new charging policy.

We note Kevin Lynes' comments but would like to set the record straight. We are not putting out inaccurate information – how can we be when it is based on information that KCC itself has produced? We respectfully suggest he asks his officers to get their calculators out.

With reference to Mr Lynes' invitation to CARM and others to join with KCC to lobby the Government for extra funding for services – we'd be very happy to do this. Given his position we will wait for him to arrange a meeting with Ministers and we would love to accompany him. Perhaps KoS could cover the visit and report the outcome?

In the meantime CARM will continue to urge opposition to these

What changed your mind?

The protestations of innocence from the Labour MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Derek Wyatt, in which he claimed that he voted against the cross party proposal to set up a "lifeboat fund" because he "questioned the legitimacy of seizing unclaimed assets" and because any such fund "could create a huge financial burden for the taxpayer" raises a number of interesting questions.

Why did Mr Wyatt sign the Early Day Motion in Parliament which supported setting up the lifeboat fund and using those very same unclaimed assets?

Why did Mr Wyatt in March present a Bill to Parliament (with Labour colleague Frank Field) to, and I quote: "establish an Unclaimed Assets Agency; to confer powers on the Agency to obtain information from banks and building societies relating to unclaimed assets; to make provision for the transfer of a proportion of unclaimed assets to the Agency for distribution among certain members of occupational pension schemes; and for connected purposes".

If Mr Wyatt is so concerned about the poor old taxpayer then why recently did he vote himself

an additional £10,000, each and every year, as a "communication allowance"? This decision is going to cost the taxpayer over £6 million a year, without any hope of a refund from unclaimed assets!

I really do hope that even at this late stage Mr Wyatt will change his mind and back the amendments to the Pensions Bill when it returns to the Commons in a few weeks time. If the amendments are passed it will ensure that the ASW pensioners, and many other people, get the justice they richly deserve.

*Gordon Henderson
Sheerness*

proposals because they will adversely affect the quality of life of many older and disabled people in Kent.

*Karen Edmunds
CARM
Appledore*

Money well spent

I was somewhat surprised to see Jamie McGinnes's article in Kent on Sunday about how Kent County Council spent nearly £11,000 on two trips to America by officers and a senior politician.

To spend £11,000 to get five people to America to cover the Visit Kent stand and be the on-site sales force for Kent, to get another half dozen of us there paying for it out of our own pockets, so to have a dozen or so people in Virginia selling Kent inward investment and tourism sounds to me a bargain. Less than £1,000 a head.

I don't know what advertising rates in the United States are these days, but I suspect an ad in the Richmond Time Gazette, much less the Washington Post, would have been vastly more money and significantly less effective in promoting Kent. Money well spent, I'd say.

*Sir Robert Worcester
Allington*

'Free' travel?

I have today received a free newspaper from Kent County Council.

I noticed that there is to be free bus travel for 11 to 16 year olds.

At first sight this seemed a good idea.

Then I read a bit further and discovered that they will have to buy a pass for £50 to get this free travel.

Only KCC could describe something as free which costs £50.

*David Burgess
Hawkhurst*

Words of wisdom

Regarding your correspondent last week, R Franklin in his condemnation of the award of a knighthood to Salman Rushdie for writing what he considers to be "stupid book" – which presumably he's never read – shows all the craven cowardice of those who are afraid to stand up to bullies, particularly Islamic fundamentalist ones.

I have not read Mr Rushdie's books either but those who awarded him this honour clearly do merit him as one of our best writers. Why should they, or any of us, be deterred from what we believe is right by a bunch of cretinous religious zealots any more than we would allow ourselves to be affected by the views of flat earthers or adults who still believe in Father Christmas?

*Dave Wetton
Hadlow*

Lunch invite

Further to your recent article, I have a letter from Manny Shinwell, the Secretary of State for War, dated November 3, 1948 when he obtained my release from Easington colliery to join Merchant Navy.

I also have a letter from Lord Shinwell dated November 1978 thanking me for an invitation to lunch which unfortunately he never managed to take up.

Easington was the base for the film Billy Elliot and for two years was voted the worst place in England to live.

One of my brothers lives there. I have lived in New Romney for 45 years.

Thanks for your very interesting paper.

*Alfred Paul
New Romney*

French lesson

As I understand it, asylum seekers are obliged to ask for asylum in the first safe country in which they arrive. Anyone fleeing true persecution would be relieved to do so. It seems I may be mistaken; or is France, a fully signed up member of the EU, not a safe country?

Why do those in Calais not ask for asylum in France? Could it be the "asylum seekers" are all Frenchmen trying to escape the tyranny of the new government in Paris? I doubt it.

When we refer to these unfortunate people as "economic migrants" as they are and debate the situation truthfully, we may be a little nearer to a just solution to the problem.

*Michael Tarrant
Welling*



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Lisa and Peter celebrate the birth of their twins Charles Henry and Daisy Angelena on 8th June 2007.

BALDWIN

Chancie Jayne born on 31st May 2007, weighing 8lbs 3oz. Daughter to Hayley and Ross in Ramsgate.

BARTON

Elliot born on 26th May 2007 weighing 8lbs 13ozs son of Lynsey and Steve and brother to Jessica of Wellfield Hartley.

BEECHAM

Camilla and Joe are pleased to announce the birth of their son William Michael Philip on 15th June 2007.

BELFIELD

Ryan and Louise of Canterbury are pleased to announce the birth of their very special little boy, Ryan John, born on 10th June 2007 weighing 9lb 6.5oz. A new brother for Grace and Callum.

BEST

Adrian and Adele Best of Sittingbourne are pleased to announce the birth of their twin boys Daniel Stephen and Tyler Anthony Best on 8th June 2007, weighing 6lb 7oz and 4lb 14oz respectively.

BINSKIN

On 5th June 2007 to Katie and Luke, a gorgeous baby son Reggie Robert Anthony.

BISHOP

Jack Arthur George born on 13th June 2007 at Maidstone Hospital, weighing 8lb 6oz. Son to Andrew and Shona of Snodland.

BUCKLEY

Sean and Sherie are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful twins Bailey and Darcey. A brother and sister for Brent and Harrison, the twins were born on 3rd June 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital.

CAHILL

Andrea and Robin Cahill of Staplehurst celebrate the birth of their daughter Maisie Grace Cahill on 19th June 2007, sister to Francesca.

CARACCIO

Matt and Becca of Whitstable celebrate the birth of their son Noah on 7th June 2007.

CARPENTER

Dave and Claire of Aylesham are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Ashton Lee Carpenter, born on 10th June 2007. Ashton weighed 8lb 2oz.

CASSEM

Jamiel and Melissa are proud to announce the birth of their son Lucas Omar Cassem born on 19th June 2007 weighing 5lb 13oz.

CLEMENTS

Mark and Melissa Clements celebrate the birth of their son Tien Mark Paterson Clements weighing 8lbs 2ozs on 1st June 2007.

CORDIER

Freya-Rayanne Rhoda born 12th June 2007 weighing 8lb 9oz daughter to Steven and Nikki and sister to Ellie Louise and Sienna Maria.

CORNWALL

Olivia Grace born on 13th June 2007, weighing 8lb 13oz. Daughter to Stuart and Catherine Cornwall, sister to Harry.

COUZINS

Joanne and Simon Couzins of Beltinge celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Liberty Grace on the 10th June 2007 xxx.

DUKE

Steve and Gemma of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Lilly-Grace Elizabeth Duke born on 15th June 2007 weighing 9lb 1.5oz. Sister for Chloe and Poppy.

FINDLAY

Charlene and Danny and brother Danny would like to celebrate the arrival Billy born on the 5th of June 2007.

FRY

Catherine and David Fry celebrate the birth of their daughter Amelia Isabelle on 7th June 2007.

FURMINGER

Abby Marie born on 16th June 2007, at Buckland Hospital Dover, weighing 7lbs 8oz. Daughter to Michael and Sharon.

GLEDSTONE-BALDOCK

Darren and Jayne of Canterbury are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Yasmin Tia, born on 14th June 2007. Sister to Amelia.

GLOVER

Karl and Lesley from Sandling, Hythe, celebrate the birth of their son Toby Oliver on 20th June 2007 weighing 9lbs 9oz.

GOLDSMITH

Angela and Peter Goldsmith of Kings Hill are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Amelia Grace on 15th June 2007, weighing 7lb 2oz.

HARDS

Ashley and Karen of Canterbury are glad its all over and are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, Matthew James Hards born on 16th June 2007. A brother for Oliver and Elliot.

HARMAN

Ryleigh, born on 17th June 2007 weighing 6lbs 13oz. Son to Leigh and Christiane of Ashford. Loved always.

HARRIS

Matthew and Kelly Harris celebrate the birth of their daughter Enola on 19th June 2007 Mummy and Daddys special little angel. Sister for Karn.

HOWARD

Michelle and David Howard of Larkfield celebrate the birth of their son Jack David Howard on 10th June 2007, weighing 10lbs 4oz. Brother to Charlotte and William.

HYNDMAN

Callum Taylor - Piers born on 17th June 2007, weighing 8lbs 12oz. Son to Alan and Natalie in Broadstairs. A brother for Gemma and Danniella.

KALSI

Parminder and Jasbir are delighted to announce the birth of their first child Callum Singh. He arrived on the 29th May 2007 weighing 5lb 2oz.

KELLY

On 18th June 2007 at The William Harvey Hospital, to Jackie and Chris a gorgeous baby boy, Max, weighing 11lbs 3oz, brother to Finley and Toby.

KERRIGAN

Eoin and Natasha are pleased to announce the birth of their son Alexander Sepherion, born on 11th June 2007.

LANGLOIS

Yves and Karin of Faversham are delighted to announce that little Pierre has arrived. Pierre was born on 12th June 2007, he weighed 3.710kg and was 54cms in length.

LELITTKA

Natasha born on 23rd May 2007, weighing 10lbs 1oz. Daughter to Sue and Steve Lelittka and sister to Emma in Kings Hill.

LINSELL

Tim and Amy Linsell are pleased to announce the birth of their son Joshua Timothy Linsell born on 05/06/07.

LORKINS

Simon and Gemma are delighted to announce the arrival of Billy Luke. Their beautiful son was born on 19th June 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital weighing 7lb 11oz.

MCAULEY

James and Shelley McAuley celebrate the birth of their daughter Caitlin Margaret Rose McAuley on 15th June 2007.

McEWEN

Andrea McEwen celebrates the birth of her son Tyler Roy McEwen On 14th June 2007

NEWMAN BROWN

Thomas Sheldon born on 12th June 2007 weighing 9lb 2oz, son of Richard Brown and Michelle Newman of Barham. Sister to Eloise. We are all very happy.

RUSSELL

Julia and Steve Russell of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Poppy on 2nd June 2007.

SAMME

Ethan Thomas born on 31st May 2007, weighing 3lbs 3oz. Son to Douglas and Helen in Margate. A brother for Richard - Joshua.

SCAMP

Mathew and Casey Scamp celebrate the birth of their daughter Ella Louise Scamp on 8th June 2007.

SEAMAN-MARTIN

Haylee and Daniel of Chatham celebrate the birth of their son Callum John on 15th June 2007, weighing 8lbs 4oz.

SIBBERING-HILL

Welcome to our precious daughter Daisy Karla Sibbering-Hill. Born on 10th May 2007 weighing 7lbs 1oz.

SMITH

Tania and Kris are pleased to announce the arrival of their baby daughter Macie Ellen, born on 10th June 2007 at QEQM.

STEVENSON

Crosby and Lindsay of Hersden are pleased and proud to announce the birth of their beautiful little angel, Lily Rose Stevenson, born on 12th June 2007 weighing 7lb 11oz.

STONEHAM

Richard and Karen are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son Alfie Neil. Born at Darent Valley Hospital on the 13th June 2007, Alfie weighed - in at 5lb 11oz.

STONER

Sarah and Dean Stoner of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Emma Louise Stoner on 8th June 2007.

TEARLE

Charlotte May born on 24th May 2007, weighing 8lb 13oz. Daughter to Vanessa and Alan Tearle and sister to Lauren and Rosie.

TOPTALO

Ruby Marie Toptalo born on 12th June 2007, weighing 6lbs 4ozs. Daughter of Jade Toptalo and Alexej Gujda.

TYLER

George and Kareena of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their son, David Alistair Tyler, born on 8th June 2007 weighing 7lb 5oz.

UNDERDOWN

Seren Ann born on 16th June 2007 at Maidstone Hospital, weighing 5lb. Daughter to Neil and Nicola of Snodland.

ZAND

Elizabeth Zara born on 9th June 2007 at Maidstone Hospital. Daughter to Alireza and Melanie Zand.

DEATHS

BISHOP

Lillian Bishop of Greatstone died peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford on 18th June 2007, after a long illness.

BISHOP

Marjorie Honor Stokes Bishop, retired Headmistress, passed away on 18th June 2007 in Canterbury.

BONE

George Victor Bone died peacefully on 25th June 2007. Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 11.00am on Friday 6th July. Enquiries to Paul J Rowland 01622 757177.

GIBBONS

Frank Brian Eric Gibbons of Maidstone died peacefully on 17th June 2007.

JACKSON

Lily May born on 28th May 2007, weighing 7lbs 7oz. Daughter to Kelvin and Adele in Westgate on Sea. A sister for Ruby.

LANE

Michael John (Mick) Died peacefully on 21st June at home as he wanted. Well known Carpet Fitter in and around Tunbridge Wells for over 25 years, will be sadly missed. All Enquires Sears Paddock Wood.

McKENZIE

Craig Anthony McKenzie of Ashford, died peacefully on 13th June 2007 after a long illness. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

ROSER

Mary Roser of East Malling passed away on 23rd June 2007. Enquiries to Viners Funeral Directors West Malling 01732 842485. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

SCOTT

Margaret Ellen Scott of Canterbury suddenly passed away on 16th June 2007. Well known and loved by the many people she helped. Will be sadly missed.

MARRIAGES

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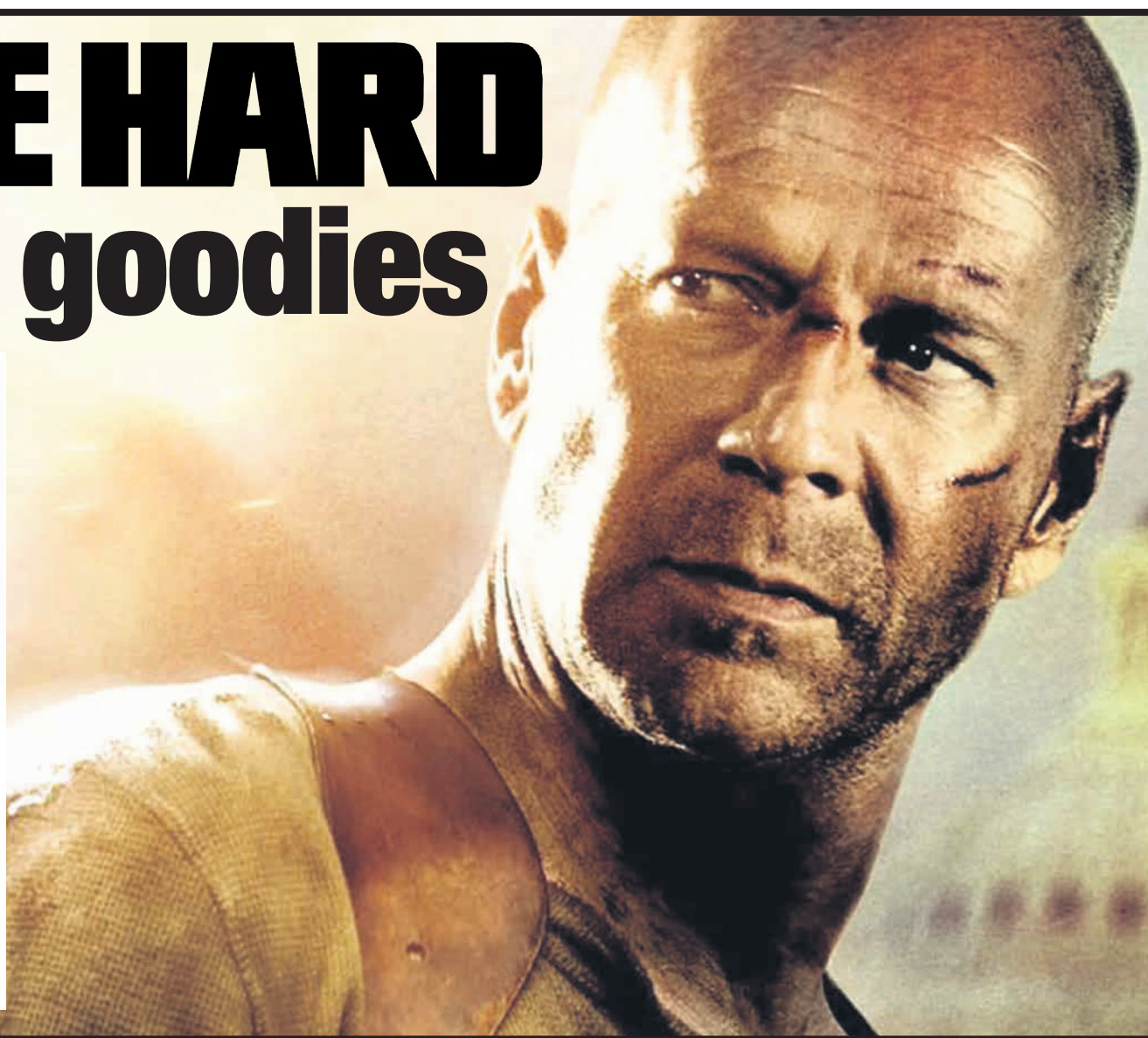
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Women seeking men

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FEMALE, 19 years old, London born, I spent a few years in Jamaica. I attend college and would like to meet a nice guy. Margate area. Box 907710

SWEET, curvaceous girl, 25, enjoys clubbing, dining, cinema, hanging out, seeks honest, happy, fun guy for friendship, maybe more. Ashford. Box 909236

BUBBLY single mum, 25, 5'5", brown hair/green eyes, chef, likes cinema, clubbing, meals out, socialising, seeks caring male, 25-38, for a loving relationship. Ashford. Box 403593

ATTRACTIVE female, 28, 5'8", brown hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest male, 26-38, with a GSOH, for friendship/LTR. Box 410494

BEAUTIFUL, black, curvy female, 30, WILTM honest, genuine man, for a relationship, more. Folkestone. Box 408865

KENT girl, 30, seeks charming, honest fella, to brighten up my life. Where are you? xx. Box 913305

TRACY 30, recently separated, enjoys going out, nights in, having fun, seeks male for friendship maybe more. Box 413958

CARING, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

SINGLE lady, 31 years old, Maidstone area, enjoys cinema, going for drives, looking for an easygoing male for friendship, maybe more? Box 422222

HI, I'm Annabelle, 32, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, divorced, 2 children, WILTM a tall, local man, enjoys sport, shopping and relaxing. Tonbridge. Box 420609

HAPPY go lucky female, 32, 5'8", medium build, into most things in life, looking for friendship and maybe more. Kent. Box 406412

SINGLE mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone, kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670

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I'M Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, like movies, diy, theatre, keeping fit, travel, WILTM young guy, N/S. Box 423252

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THREE female students from the University of Kent at Medway have taken top honours in their social sciences degrees.

Ravinder Pathania, Sangeetha Kopan and Jessica Lomas all received firsts from the university.

A further 11 Social Sciences students gained upper seconds and five more achieved lower seconds in their final examinations.

For Ms Pathania, 28, from Chatham, and Ms Kopan, 27, from Sittingbourne, the results vindicated their decisions to wait until their mid-twenties before embarking on their degree studies.

Ms Pathania now plans to land a lucrative banking job in the City.

Ms Kopan is keen to use her newly-gained skills in psychology – a key part of her degree programme – to work within the field of rehabilitation, including tackling drug and alcohol addiction.

Ms Lomas, 21, from Buckinghamshire, is joining market research firm Harris Interactive as a senior research assistant.

'Brain drain' plugged

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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STUDENTS in Folkestone who wanted to go on to university used to face long trips.

But now, thanks to a major new agreement, they will have facilities right on their doorstep.

The Canterbury Christ Church and Greenwich universities have signed a joint agreement at the new University Centre Folkestone.

The document cements both universities' commitment to work in partnership to deliver a range of degree programmes from the University Centre Folkestone.

It will offer higher education in a town where many school-leavers, young people and adults may not have considered higher education as an option because of complex travel requirements.

The document was signed by the Vice Chancellor of Canterbury Christ Church, Professor Michael Wright, and the Vice-Chancellor of Greenwich, Baroness Tessa Blackstone, with the Chairman of the Creative Foundation, Roger De Haan, in attendance.

Prof Wright said: "The signing of this agree-

University centre will help town retain young talent, says ex Saga chief at signing of new partnership

ment signifies the latest step in the development of the University Centre Folkestone.

"I first met with Roger De Haan in 2001 to discuss the idea of creating a new higher education centre in Folkestone. If it wasn't for Roger's drive, determination and vision, we would not be here."

Former Saga boss, Mr De Haan, added: "The development of the University Centre Folkestone is part of a bigger project to regenerate the town of Folkestone."

"As part of this regeneration project, the provision of higher education opportunities is essential. Many young people from Folkestone leave the town to study degree programmes elsewhere and do not return and the local economy suffers a 'brain drain'."

"The new University Centre Folkestone will hopefully attract local residents and people from further afield and therefore

lead to economic growth and sustainability.

"It will be at the centre of thriving arts community and I would like to thank the Universities of Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church for all of their hard work on this venture."

Baroness Blackstone said: "When Roger came to me with the idea of developing a new university centre in Folkestone, I knew immediately that this was something that Greenwich should be a part of."

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SIGNING: (l-r) Professor Michael Wright, Roger De Haan, and Baroness Tessa Blackstone.

Group puts focus on earning and learning

LEARNING new skills while holding down a job can be difficult, a major conference heard last week.

Almost 100 representatives from higher and further education, business, human resources, learning and skills councils and local authorities attended the conference at the Universities at Medway campus.

Organised by the Kent and Medway lifelong learning network, and the University of Kent at Medway's centre for work and learning, the conference examined how work-based learning can help people acquire new skills and gain access to top-quality

teaching and learning available in the higher education sphere.

Delegates also discussed the role of the Accreditation of Prior Experiential and Certificated Learning (APECL) in helping staff gain qualifications.

Cathy Hull, head of the centre for work and learning, said: "People want more work-based learning, with part-time and flexible courses, which means they can work as they study."

"It's crucial for the economy in the region that people have the opportunity to upgrade skills, or develop new ones. We need to deliver university-level learning for people in the workplace."



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Joanne Brown, Human Resources Department, MotorSport Vision Limited,
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liisrevell@ashfordchristchurch.com
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Closing date for applications: Friday, 6th July 2007

Laleham Gap School

Laleham Gap caters for pupils from 3-16 and is the county's leading provision for pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties.

Required for September 2007:

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

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If you would like to discuss the opportunities the post will offer please contact:

Mrs Min Chamberlain, Deputy Headteacher 01843 831999
Closing date for applications: Friday 6th July

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Ref: S2077

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You will need to be working towards a CIMA qualification or equivalent, have 2 years' practical experience in Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet and have practical experience of working with non-financial managers in relation to budgets.

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Ref: S2078

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Candidates will need to have a good standard or education (5 GCSEs or equivalent), be qualified to AAT Technician or equivalent and have previous experience of working within a Finance setting.

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms is Monday 16th July 2007.

For further information and an application form for any of the above vacancies, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

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(N.B. Early years and out of school childcare in this context excludes childminders, but includes, where appropriate and necessary, early education for eligible three and four year olds).

You will have an NVQ Level Three in Early Years and/or childcare and/or playwork (or equivalent) or a qualification in business and finance.

You will need experience of working:

- in a group childcare setting
- with funding applications and with business and financial plans
- in an advisory/supportive capacity
- in a multi-agency environment.

Knowledge and understanding of the current childcare agenda, including Daycare Standards and working knowledge and understanding of business and financial planning is also required.

Good communication skills, and the ability to work effectively and sensitively with the widest range of colleagues are essential.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an application form and job description email emma.hull@kent.gov.uk or telephone 01622 761050 or write to Early Years and Childcare Unit, Oakwood House, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8AE.

Please quote reference *CFE/07/2175.

Closing date: Midday, 17 July 2007.

Alternative Curriculum Co-ordinators x 2

£34,500 - £39,710 per annum

1 post Thanet and Dover and 1 post Dartford and Gravesham

The Alternative Curriculum team is a dynamic and creative part of Kent County Council's Attendance and Behaviour Service, working to create, monitor and evaluate excellent alternative provision for excluded and other 'hard to place' Key Stage 3 & 4 pupils across the county. The team is being devolved to work locally for groups of clusters in order to better meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people in these communities in the context of 'Every Child Matters'.

You will work with a new, high profile team in the community and be responsible for alternative curriculum projects for excluded and other vulnerable young people in the area. You will work closely with Local Education Officers and schools within the relevant clusters and report to them. You will have experience of working successfully with seriously disaffected young people, have an excellent knowledge of schools issues, an awareness of SEN issues and procedures and be capable of working with diverse multi-agency teams. You will be able to assess the quality of learning in alternative curriculum projects and feel comfortable about leading relevant staff training. You will be keen to be part of a team that works at the cutting edge of changes in the education system.

The post requires experience, originality and vision.

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For more information on the post or an informal chat, telephone Simon Fox on 07769 901556.

Please quote reference CFE/07/2105.

Closing date: Midday, 17 July 2007.

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Please quote reference ER/07/0305.

Closing date: Midday, 16 July 2007.

Early Childhood Education Partner

£29,190 - £34,500 per annum

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For an informal discussion, please contact Jane Nolan, Senior Early Childhood Education Partner on 01622 626690.

Please quote reference CFE/07/2235.

Closing date: Midday, 9 July 2007.

Interview date: 19 July 2007.

Kent School Games Co-ordinator

£25,520 - £29,190 per annum plus lease car

(Fixed term contract for three years)

Kings Hill, West Malling

An exciting new opportunity has arisen for a motivated and innovative individual to join the Kent Sports Development Unit based in West Malling. We are looking for a committed person with the capacity to organise a high profile programme of school sports events within the Kent School Games.

You will have excellent communication, project management, presentation, decision-making and negotiation skills. In addition, you will have the relevant experience and knowledge, partnership working skills, and the ability to work independently as well as within a team.

You will lead on the organisation of the Kent School Games Finals events, ensuring that local heats and competitions are organised through the network of Sports Colleges and School Sport Partnerships in Kent.

Co-ordination with Governing Bodies of Sport and a team of DFES funded Competition Managers will also be critical in providing a range of competitive school sport opportunities for young people.

If you feel you are up for the challenge, have the necessary experience and skills and want to work in a friendly, busy and professional team, then we would like to hear from you.

Due to the nature of this post and the opportunity to influence others working with young people and vulnerable adults, this post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

Please quote reference CD/07/1395.

Closing date: Midday, 9 July 2007.

Education Welfare Officer

£19,570 - £22,260 per annum

Kroner House, Ashford or Bishops Terrace, Maidstone

Education Welfare Officers work with schools, families and pupils to promote regular school attendance. The work is challenging and requires ability to work independently as well as being a good team member. You will receive in service training, regular supervision, and team support in your work with schools, pupils, their families and other agencies.

The ability to travel is essential to this role as you will be visiting schools and homes. Essential car user allowance is payable.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For further information about the post, please contact Sylvia Jones on 01233 898533.

Please quote reference CFE/07/2255.

Closing date: Midday, 17 July 2007.



Personal Assistants x 2

£16,220 - £17,840 per annum pro rata

18.5 hours per week

Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Swanley and Dartford and Gravesham

We have two posts, one working for the Alternative Curriculum Co-ordinator for Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Swanley and the other for the Alternative Curriculum Co-ordinator for Dartford and Gravesham.

These posts are full year; however the hours may be worked mainly in term time with the agreement of the manager.

You will undertake a wide range of administrative tasks and should have excellent organisational, communication and IT skills, and be able to deal with issues of a confidential and sensitive nature. Experience of working to Senior Managers would be an advantage.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an informal discussion about the Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Swanley post, please contact Katie Smith-Palomeque on 07920 585428 or for an informal discussion about the Dartford & Gravesham post, please contact Simon Fox on 07769 901556.

Please quote reference CFE/07/2165.

Closing date: Midday, 16 July 2007.

Administrative Assistant

£13,610 - £15,440 per annum

Turner Contemporary, Margate

Turner Contemporary is a key component of the regeneration of Margate and East Kent. Our new gallery is scheduled to open in 2010 and we are already running a programme of new commissions and audience development. We are looking for an enthusiastic, well-motivated and resourceful individual with an interest in the visual arts to provide support for a wide range of administrative duties.

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You will need to be a team player with the ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with people at all levels.

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For more information about the post, please telephone Laura Plimley on 01843 280268.

Please quote reference CD/07/1455.

Closing date: Midday, 17 July 2007.

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Warm Stone Project, Folkestone - Ref: CFE/07/2145

Three-Men-in-a-Boat Project, Folkestone -

Ref: CFE/07/2155

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You will have to provide evidence of effective working with disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to curriculum innovation.

Both posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an informal discussion about the posts call Soo Finn on 07740 183894.

Closing date for both posts: Midday, 16 July 2007.

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Fleet Road
Rochester
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Telephone - (01634) 844127
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Yr 4/5
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2007
Closing date: 6 July 2007
To apply/more information
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New Road School and Nursery
Unit

Bryant Street
Chatham
Kent ME4 5QN
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Required From: 1 September 2007
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Maidstone Road
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Telephone - (01634) 830083
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Email: office@cgsb.co.uk

Teacher

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ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Temporary
Term of contract: To cover
maternity leave
Required From: 1 September 2007
Closing date: 2 July 2007
To apply/more information
Mrs J Dunn, Headteacher
Rainham School for Girls
Derwent Way, Rainham
Gillingham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 362746
Fax - 01634 388334
Email: admin@rsg.org.uk

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Job Ref: KMC/Music/0607
Part Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2007
Closing date: 6 July 2007
To apply/more information
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ACCOUNTANCY

JOB TITLE:
Accountant
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£23,758 - £27,552 pa
COMPANY:
South Kent College
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TO APPLY:
South Kent College
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
16th July 2007

ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARIAL, PA

JOB TITLE:
Admonistration Assistant
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£13,619 - £15,444 pro rata
COMPANY:
Laleham Gap School
Needed to provide support to therapists and outreach staff 25 hours per week term-time only. We are looking for someone to provide clerical support to the Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and School Outreach staff. Duties will include word processing, filing, photocopying, answering telephone and email queries and assisting with resource making. You will need to have previous secretarial experience (RSA II or equivalent), with up-to-date knowledge of word processing packages and good interpersonal skills. Laleham Gap caters for pupils from 3-16 and is the county's leading provision for pupils with speech, language and communication difficulties. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people in its care and all posts are subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure. Please send an A4 SAE (with 48p stamp) for an application pack to Debbie Terziyski, Laleham Gap School, Northdown Park Road, Margate CT9 2TP.
TO APPLY:
Debbie Terziyski
Laleham Gap School
Email Debbie.terziyski@laleham-gap.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
4 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Administration Assistant
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
£13,222 - £15,440 (pro rata)
COMPANY:
Harbour School
Kent Scheme, Brand 3, Points 6 - 11. 25hrs per week (term time plus 3 weeks) The governors are seeking to appoint an Administration Assistant who enthusiastic, efficient, self motivated and capable of using their own initiative to support the existing team in the school office. The successful applicant will have a good general knowledge of Microsoft Office applications and have previous administrative and receptionist experience not necessarily gained in a school environment. For more information on any of the positions and an application pack, please contact the school. Interview: Friday 13th July 2007
TO APPLY:
Harbour School
Email office@harbour.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Administrator and PA to Doctor
LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Tracy Harley
Zeetech Services Ltd
Tel: 01227 789977
Email wellness@optimalspine.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Office Assistant
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
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COMPANY:
Terry Baker Electrical Contractors Ltd
Required to run the day to day administration function of a number of small contracts. Attention to detail, a methodical approach, good PC skills and the ability to prioritise a busy and varied work schedule are essential for this role.
TO APPLY:
Terry Baker
Terry Baker Electrical Contractors Ltd
Tel: 01233 665107
Email terry.baker@terrybakerelectricalcontractorltd.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Personal Assistant to the Mayor
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
£18,450 – £24,708 per annum, pay award pending.
COMPANY:
Medway Council
We need someone experienced and highly organised to join our small and effective team. You will lead organisation of civic and ceremonial functions and in particular, co-ordinate the mayor's incredibly busy diary. You will have experience in planning and organizing significant or high-profile events and functions. You will also have the ability to deal sensitively and tactfully with a range of dignitaries, senior officials and other people. Being able to plan work methodically and accurately, handling a variety of tasks and projects at any one time, is also important. We can offer season ticket loans, family friendly working policies, a commitment to training and development, an environmentally-friendly travel plan and an excellent final salary pension scheme.
TO APPLY:
Jane Ringham
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 333333
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
13 July 2007

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LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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JOB TITLE:
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LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
£14,142 – £15,825 pro rata (SCP 12 - 17)
COMPANY:
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37 hours per week - Casual Car User Allowance you will provide administrative support to the in-house Training team, looking after the paperwork and hospitality associated with a range of training events. As a member of the Central Services Administration Team, you will provide some support, including the reception cover, to the Executive Assistants. You will need good MS Office skills and familiarity with MS Access will be a plus. For an application form please contact Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT
TO APPLY:
Dan House
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
13th July 2007

CATERING, HOSPITALITY

JOB TITLE:
Chef, Winter Gardens Margate, 40 Hours per week
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£17,888 – £19,760 per annum dependant on experience
COMPANY:
Thanet Leisure Force
We currently seek a qualified and talented Chef to join our catering team based between the Winter Gardens and Dover Town Hall. This will be an ideal opportunity for someone to widen their experience and skills in one of East Kent's premier catering venues. The Chef would be involved in providing an extensive range of menus from 10-700 persons at various venues. The successful candidate will have: • City and Guilds 706/1 and 706/2 or NVQ Level 2 in Catering or equivalent. • Basic food hygiene certificate • Full driving licence • Previous experience of working in a busy catering environment. • Able to work quickly and calmly under pressure • Flexible approach to work as will be required to work evenings and weekends Interested? Internal Applications: Please speak to your line manager in the first instance, then contact Kay House on 227959 for an internal application form. External Applications: Please contact Kay House on 227959 for an external application form. Online Applications: Or download the application form from 'www.leisureforce.co.uk' and return via e-mail to 'recruitment@leisureforce.co.uk'.
TO APPLY:
Sam Rose
Thanet Leisure Force
Tel: 01843 227959
Email recruitment@leisureforce.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
9th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Cleaner, Winter Gardens Margate, 12 hours a week
LOCATION:
Margate
SALARY:
£5.51 per hour
COMPANY:
Thanet Leisure Force
Reporting directly to the Facilities Supervisor the post-holder will be responsible for cleaning duties at the Winter Gardens. The post is 2 hours a day over 6 days during the week. Hours may vary but will involve early mornings. The successful candidate must be literate, have a working knowledge of COSHH, basic knowledge of H&S issues and must be fit and able bodied. Ideally they will also have previous experience of working in a cleaning post. Interested? Internal Applications: Please speak to your line manager in the first instance, then contact Kay House on 227959 for an internal application form. External Applications: Please contact Kay House on 227959 for an external application form. Online Applications: Or download the application form from 'www.leisureforce.co.uk' and return via e-mail to 'recruitment@leisureforce.co.uk'.
Closing date: Monday 9th July 2007
TO APPLY:
Sam Rose
Thanet Leisure Force
Tel: 01843 227959
Email recruitment@leisureforce.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
9th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Cook
LOCATION:
Deal
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Milestone House
Cook required for a small residential home in Deal to work 30hrs per week. Experienced cook with cheerful disposition required to join friendly team in small specialist residential care home. The successful applicant will be responsible for menu planning, cooking, stock control, ordering, shopping, and maintaining the hygiene of the kitchen and food storage areas. Must have Food Hygiene Certificate. A CRB check will be required. Hours 8am to 2pm (negotiable). Competitive rates of pay (depending on experience). For more information please contact Lesley Stapleton on 01304 381201
TO APPLY:
Lesley Stapleton
Milestone House
Tel: 01304 381201
Email milestonehouse@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
Junior Chef
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Start rate £5.77 ph + benefits
COMPANY:
Holiday Inn Ashford North
This role is an exciting position for someone looking to pursue a career in the Catering Industry. Working as part of a team you will be responsible for ensuring food to the highest quality and presentation is prepared for the guests. Our House menu has proved very popular so the ideal candidate must be able to work under pressure and within strict timescales. The hours of work will predominately be between 3pm - 11pm, 5 days out of 7 however full flexibility in the kitchen is required with covering breakfast shifts. Having a food qualification would be an advantage but not a necessity as full training would be provided. NVQ training will be provided to the right candidate.
TO APPLY:
jo stockbridge
Holiday Inn Ashford North
Tel: 01233 713333
Email joanne.stockbridge@hishashford.com

JOB TITLE:
Restaurant Supervisor
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
From £14 k
COMPANY:
Holiday Inn Ashford North
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TO APPLY:
Joanne Stockbridge
Holiday Inn Ashford North
Tel: 01233 713333
Email joanne.stockbridge@hishashford.com

CHILD CARE

JOB TITLE:
3 x Nursery Practitioners required for Mondays
LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
tba
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project 3 Nursery Practitioners required for Mondays at Smarties Childcare Centre, Playful Penguins and Newington Road Childcare Centre. These three fixed term positions are to start immediately, to cover term time only on Mondays and it is anticipated will to continue until December 2008. We are looking to cover the hours as follows: Smarties – 8am – 4 pm Penguins – 9am – 3.45 pm Newington – 9am – 3pm
MONDAYS - TERM TIME ONLY
You will need to be qualified to at least level two in childcare, have a sound knowledge of child development and safeguarding children/child protection, be enthusiastic, motivated, reliable, a good team player and possess a good sense of humour. To find out more about the roles advertised, you may contact the setting managers: Kim – Smarties 600110 Cheryl – Penguins 231687 Emma – Newington 599910 To apply for any of these fixed term posts, you will need to complete our application form, which is available from Maria at Head Office. You can contact her on 01843 591200 or email her on maria@thanetearlyyears.org – please state which role you are interested in. Closing date: 6th July 2007 All appointments are subject to full enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org
CLOSING DATE
up to December 2008

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Nursery Assistant required on Fridays at the Hand in Hand Nursery, Ramsgate
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project are looking to recruit a Part time Qualified Nursery Assistant to work all day on Fridays in the Baby Room at the Hand in Hand Nursery which is based at Newlands Children's Centre, Ramsgate - immediate start! This post is initially on a temporary basis, and the successful applicant will be required to work Fridays, 10 am until 6.00 pm term time only. There may be the possibility of some flexible working available during the school holidays and other times. You would need to be qualified to at least Level 3 or equivalent, have experience in working in a childcare environment, be a good team player with enthusiasm, motivation, flexibility and a good sense of humour. Experience of working with babies under 18 months essential. Are you interested in joining our team? For an informal chat about this post, please contact Rita or Sue

JOB TITLE:
Flexible Childcare Staff for Thanet Early Years
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBA

COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project Flexible Bank Staff in the Thanet area Are you looking for flexible work in childcare? During school hours or after? Thanet Early Years would like to increase its bank of flexible childcare staff who would be able to step in, often at the last moment, at a variety of settings throughout Thanet. You could be asked to work at an After School Club, cover a session in a pre-school or nursery – hours will be determined by the role to be covered. We run childcare provision at venues throughout Thanet and if you are qualified to a minimum of level 2 or equivalent, we would like to hear from you. We would also welcome applications from Level 3 or equivalent qualified childcare workers. You will need to be experienced in working in a childcare environment, be enthusiastic, motivated, a good team player and possess a good sense of humour. Most of all, you would need to be flexible and willing to consider all patterns of working. We cannot guarantee that you will have regular hours, but if you are looking for work with children that could fit around your commitments, this may be just the job for you. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the job with the Crèche Manager, who will be able to give you more details of what would be required, please contact Sharon on 07971177737. To apply, please contact Maria on 01843 591200 for an application form and job description, or email her on maria@thanetearlyyears.org. We look forward to hearing from you. All appointments are subject to full enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org

JOB TITLE:
Junior Crew Leaders
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Live Business Grosvenor Productions
Required for Dover to Calais crossings 23rd July to 2nd September inclusive, 5 day week which includes weekends. Some childcare experience necessary. You will be running fun activities for children aged 5 & 12. Successful candidates will be subject to a CRB disclosure. Please send your CV to :- Rachel Neary, 6 Square Rigger Row, Plantation Wharf, London, SW11 3TZ
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Live Business Grosvenor Productions
Tel: 0207 228 4852
Email rneary@livebusiness.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Nursery Nurse
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Shooting Box Day Nursery (The)
Part time nursery nurse required for small friendly day nursery. Qualifications & experience preferred. Mature applicants may apply.
TO APPLY:
Beverley Sawyer
Shooting Box Day Nursery (The)
Tel: 01795 424262
Email davidthomassawyer@yahoo.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Nursery Assistant required on Fridays at the Hand in Hand Nursery, Ramsgate
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project are looking to recruit a Part time Qualified Nursery Assistant to work all day on Fridays in the Baby Room at the Hand in Hand Nursery which is based at Newlands Children's Centre, Ramsgate - immediate start! This post is initially on a temporary basis, and the successful applicant will be required to work Fridays, 10 am until 6.00 pm term time only. There may be the possibility of some flexible working available during the school holidays and other times. You would need to be qualified to at least Level 3 or equivalent, have experience in working in a childcare environment, be a good team player with enthusiasm, motivation, flexibility and a good sense of humour. Experience of working with babies under 18 months essential. Are you interested in joining our team? For an informal chat about this post, please contact Rita or Sue

on 01843 595110. To apply for this position, you must complete our application form which, together with a job description, may be obtained from Maria Knight at Head Office – 01843 591200 or email her on maria@thanetearlyyears.org. Closing date: Friday 6th July 2007. All appointments are subject to full enhanced Criminal Record Bureau checks.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Temporary Nursery Practitioner, Smarties Childcare Centre
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project
Thanet Early Years Project Temporary Nursery Practitioner required for Smarties Childcare Centre, Thanet College Campus, Broadstairs This temporary position is to start immediately, initially to cover term time only staff sick leave until the 25th July 2007; the hours would be 9.00 – 3.00 Monday to Friday. From 3rd September 2007, the post would cover the maternity leave of the current post holder and would therefore be temporary up to approximately May 2008. The hours required during this period would be 8.30 am until 1.00 pm Monday to Friday term time only. There may be the opportunity of flexible hours working at the Holiday Club during the summer holidays. You will need to be qualified to level three in childcare, have a sound knowledge of child development and safeguarding children/child protection, be enthusiastic, motivated, a good team player and possess a good sense of humour. If you would like to discuss the position with the Manager, who will be able to give you more details of duties, working pattern etc, please contact Kim on 01843 600110 To apply for this temporary post, you will need to complete our application form, which is available from Maria at Head Office. You can contact her on 01843 591200 or email her on maria@thanetearlyyears.org. Closing date: 29th June 2007 All appointments are subject to full enhanced Criminal Records Bureau checks.
TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearlyyears.org
CLOSING DATE
end of current post holders maternity leave

CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS

JOB TITLE:
Contracts Manager
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TO BE CONFIRMED
COMPANY:
GSE Group
We are seeking an experienced individual to manage multiple projects across the South East. Applicants should have a thorough and practical knowledge of groundworks and civil engineering and the ability to produce computer generated programmes and CDM documentation. Good communication skills and a practical approach to solving problems are essential qualities. Applications in writing only to: Mr D. Cogley, Operations Director, GSE Building & Civil Engineering Ltd, Joshna House, Orbital Park, Ashford. TN24 0GR
TO APPLY:
Declan Cogley
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 501301
Email julie.virani@gse-group.com

JOB TITLE:
Contracts Surveyor
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
GSE Group
Due to continued expansion of Ashford based GSE Group, GSE Design & Build Ltd require a Contracts Surveyor for projects in Kent for both Traditional and Design & Build contracts. The successful candidate should be experienced, self-motivated, enthusiastic and will be expected to appoint sub contractors, produce monthly valuations and final accounts. Please apply in writing to: P J Blyth, GSE Design & Build Ltd, Joshna House, Crowbridge Road, Orbital Park, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0GR Or email your c.v. to:

karen.burton@gse-group.com
TO APPLY:
Karen Burton
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 506327
Email karen.burton@gse-group.com
CLOSING DATE
28th July 2007

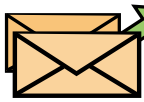
JOB TITLE:
Paye – Construction
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Mainstream Staff Supplies
CPCS 3600 Operators £10.50 PAYE
CPCS 1800 Operators £10.50 PAYE
CPCS Tractor Driver £11.85 PAYE
All applicants must have at least 3 months experience on the relevant equipment. Holiday Pay, consistent work, call now.
TO APPLY:
Mainstream Staff Supplies
Tel: 01795 418100
Email graham.knowles@recruitandtrain.com

JOB TITLE:
Site Foreman
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
GSE Group
We are seeking to appoint an experienced Groundworks Foreman with a proven track record on industrial, commercial and retail projects. You will possess strong management skills and have a positive attitude to H&S. It is essential that you hold CSCS accreditation. An excellent remuneration and benefits package is on offer for the right candidate. Applications in writing only to: Mr D. Cogley, Operations Director, GSE Building & Civil Engineering Ltd, Joshna House, Orbital Park, Ashford. TN24 0GR
TO APPLY:
Declan Cogley
GSE Group
Tel: 01233 501301
Email julie.virani@gse-group.com

EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
2 x Cover Supervisors
LOCATION:
Dover
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
St Edmund's Catholic School
To take classes for absent staff and to carry out general administrative tasks. A level of IT Proficiency is essential 27 1/2 hours per week - term time only for each position
TO APPLY:
Mr C.J. Atkin
St Edmund's Catholic School
Tel: 01304 201551
Email office@st-edmunds-dover.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
12th July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Alternative Curriculum Co-ordinators x 2
LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
£34,500 - £39,710 per annum
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
1 post Thanet and Dover and 1 post Dartford and Gravesham The Alternative Curriculum team is a dynamic and creative part of Kent County Council's Attendance and Behaviour Service, working to create, monitor and evaluate excellent alternative provision for excluded and other 'hard to place' Key Stage 3 & 4n pupils across the county. The team is being devolved to work locally for groups of clusters in order to better meet the needs of vulnerable children and young people in these communities in the context of 'Every Child Matters'. You will work with a new, high profile team in the community and be responsible for alternative curriculum projects for excluded and other vulnerable young people in the area. You will work closely with Local Education Officers and schools within the relevant clusters and report to them. You will have experience of working successfully with seriously disaffected young people, have an excellent knowledge of schools issues, an awareness of SEN issues and procedures and be capable of working with diverse multi-agency teams. You will be able to assess the quality of learning in alternative curriculum projects and feel comfortable about leading relevant staff training. You will be keen to be part of a team that works at the cutting edge of changes in the education system. The post requires experience, originality and vision. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.



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TO APPLY:
Simon Fox
Kent County Council
Tel: 07769 901556.
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 July 2007

JOB TITLE: Catering Lecturer LOCATION: Rochester

SALARY:
c.£24,000 pa (pro rata)
COMPANY:
CfBT Education Trust
Want to make a REAL difference to young lives? Sir Evelyn House Juvenile Unit, Rochester. 14.8 hours/wk. The Sir Evelyn House Under 18 Unit provides custodial places for up to seventeen young women aged 17-18. CfBT Education Trust provides the onsite education service under contract to the South East Learning & Skills Council and works closely with the Unit Governor and his specialist team to create a holistic approach to helping these very troubled young women reintegrate into society. As an experienced and qualified Lecturer, who wants to help troubled young women, you have to see beyond their behaviour and find ways to connect with them and teach them. You will have a relevant teaching qualification, such as QTS, Cert Ed, C&G 7307/7407, and knowledge of the Adult Core Curriculum. In addition, C&G 7061/2, D32, D33, D34 and a qualification in Basic Food Hygiene are desirable. All appointments are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau and necessary prison security checks. CfBT offers 28 days' annual leave, a non-contributory Group Personal Pension and excellent development opportunities. Assistance with the costs of relocating to Kent may be available in approved cases. For further details and an application pack, please contact our 24-hour recruitment line on 0118 902 1901 or email: recruitment@cfbt.com Please quote reference COO010.

TO APPLY:
CfBT Education Trust
Tel: 0118 902 1901
Email recruitment@cfbt.com
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

JOB TITLE: Childcare Development Officer LOCATION:

Kent
SALARY:
£22,260 - £25,520 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
A vacancy as a Childcare Development Officer is available to support the development of "sustainable childcare markets" in the context of the Government's Ten Year Childcare Strategy. Within the Cluster this post will be responsible for promoting and supporting the expansion of existing and development of new early years and out of school group childcare provision, in line with identified need, aiming to ensure that it is set up to be financially viable and therefore long-term sustainable. (N.B. Early years and out of school childcare in this context excludes childminders, but includes, where appropriate necessary, early education for eligible three and four year olds). You will have an NVQ Level Three in Early Years and/or childcare and/ or playwork (or equivalent) or a qualification in business and finance. You will need experience of working: • in a group childcare setting • with funding applications and with business and financial plans • in an advisory/supportive capacity • in a multi-agency environment. Knowledge and understanding of the current childcare agenda, including Daycare Standards and working knowledge and understanding of business and financial planning is also required. Good communication skills, and the ability to work effectively and sensitively with the widest range of colleagues are essential. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 761050
Email emma.hul@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
17 July 2007

JOB TITLE: EFL Teachers LOCATION: Ramsgate SALARY: Dependent on experience COMPANY: Churchill House School of English

EFL Teachers wanted for Churchill House School in Ramsgate from July 2nd. Accommodation provided if needed.

TO APPLY:
John Flood
Churchill House School of English
Tel: 01843 593630
Email john@churchillhouse.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 August 2007

JOB TITLE: Examinations Secretary LOCATION:

Dover
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
St Edmund's Catholic School
The job will include all examinations work and arranging cover for absent staff. The post will be for 37 hrs per week, 40 weeks p.a.
TO APPLY:
Mr C.J. Atkin
St Edmund's Catholic School
Tel: 01304 201551
Email office@st-edmunds-dover.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
12th July 2007

JOB TITLE: Full Time/Part Time Teacher of History

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Rochester Independent College
Details from
www.schoolcanbedifferent.com
TO APPLY:
Rochester Independent College
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Full/Part Time Teacher of History

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Rochester Independent College
For further details please go to
www.schoolcanbedifferent.com
TO APPLY:
Rochester Independent College
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Head Of Food Technology (TLR 2)

LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
King Ethelbert School
Our vision is that food technology will drive the D & T curriculum with a very strong creative component. We are offering the opportunity for a sparkling and talented teacher and leader of food technology to join us in January 2008 to bring this vision to fruition. The successful candidate will have the opportunity of working closely with our creative design department. We offer a personalised professional learning and development programme to ensure all staff are fully equipped to support our young people in achieving the highest standards as they move confidently and purposefully onto the next stages of their lives. Each year we have pupils moving on to catering at our local FE college which is a centre of excellence in this area. Our pupils love their food!
TO APPLY:
Mrs Min Chamberlain
King Ethelbert School
Tel: 01843 831999
Email personnel@kingethelbert.kent.sch.uk.
CLOSING DATE
Friday 6th July

JOB TITLE: Health & Safety Adviser

LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£25,520 - £29,190 per annum
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
We require an energetic Health & Safety Adviser to work across a wide range of services in our busy Environment & Regeneration and Communities directorates. Working closely with the Health & Safety Manager, you will be responsible for operational provision of Health & Safety advice, procedures and training. Duties will include site inspections, audits, development and monitoring of sound Health & Safety systems. You will have some experience in Health & Safety work and preferably will be qualified to Certificate in Health & Safety/NVQ Level Three in H&S. The role will involve travel to sites around Kent.
TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
16 July 2007

JOB TITLE: Kent School Sport Manager / Kent Sports Development Officer

LOCATION:
Kings Hill
SALARY:
£29,190 - £34,500 + Lease Car
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
Two exciting opportunities have arisen for motivated and innovative individuals to join the Kent Sports Development Unit. We are looking for committed people with the capacity to work with, influence and motivate, a range of partners and agencies. You will have excellent communication, organisation, presentation, decision-making and negotiation skills. In addition you will have relevant experience and knowledge, partnership working skills, and the ability to work independently as well as within a team. The Kent School Sport Manager will lead on the Unit's work supporting the network of Sports Colleges and School Sport Partnerships to link with relevant agencies, such as National Governing Bodies and local authorities, in order to provide a range of opportunities for young people. The Kent Sports Development Officer will lead the Unit's work on developing and supporting sports performance and excellence, and in developing our work on participation with particular focus on equalities and links with health. If you feel you are up for the challenge, have the necessary experience and skills and want to work in a friendly, busy and professional team, then we would like to hear from you. Due to the nature of these posts and the opportunity to influence others working with young people and vulnerable adults, you will be required to undergo a Disclosure Check through the Criminal Records Bureau.

TO APPLY:
Kent County Council
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
2 July 2007

JOB TITLE: Part Time Accounts Clerk

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Rochester Independent College
Details from
www.schoolcanbedifferent.com
TO APPLY:
Rochester Independent College
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Part Time Biology Teacher

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Rochester Independent College
Details from
www.schoolcanbedifferent.com
TO APPLY:
Rochester Independent College
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Part Time Music Teacher

LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Rochester Independent College
Details from
www.schoolcanbedifferent.com
TO APPLY:
Rochester Independent College
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Part-time (Sessional) Tutors

LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
LNFA Scale point 1-3, £16,712 - £18,880 pro-rata.
COMPANY:
Medway Council
Daytime and/or evening hours are available for courses starting in September. Medway Adult Learning Service has jobs available for part-time tutors teaching the following subjects: Pilates; fit ball core conditioning; exercise; yoga for pregnancy. Business studies to AS level; Sage Payroll; management and team leading; office procedures; theology; information, advice and guidance. C&G 9297 level 2 certificate in learning support; course leader for Trinity Cert TESOL. Problem solving and decision-making; self-organising; return to work; personal action planning; assertiveness; positive mental attitude. Skills for life literacy and numeracy. Reflexology. British Sign Language to level 2; lip reading.

Calligraphy. AutoCad; digital photography; web design (knowledge of Dreamweaver). Qualified assessors with certificates in D32/33/34 A/V units. Chinese Mandarin; German; Italian; Japanese; Portuguese; Spanish; Turkish; Greek. Family learning; crafts; first aid; parenting; pottery; languages; fitness; cookery. All applicants should hold a suitable teaching qualification or be willing to undertake training. A specific qualification in the subject to be taught would be an advantage. Any offer of appointment will be subject to an enhanced criminal records bureau disclosure.
TO APPLY:
Vanessa Williams
Medway Council
Tel: 01634 338450
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE: Pastoral Support Manager

LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Kent Scheme Grade 6 - Points 17 - 20 pro rata
COMPANY:
Aylesford School - Sports College
PASTORAL SUPPORT MANAGER
Term time only 8.00 – 4.00pm Kent Scheme Grade 6 – Points 17 – 20 pro rata (£17, 842 - £19, 572 which equates to £14, 714 - £16, 141 pro rata) Required for September 2007 To support the pupils of the School and assistant in removing some of the barriers to learning. To request an information pack and application form, please contact Jill McKenna, on (01622) 717341 ext 204. Closing date is: 17th July 2007. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check via the Criminal Records Bureau.
TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
17th July 2007

JOB TITLE: Personnel Team Assistant

LOCATION:
Kings Hill
SALARY:
£16,220 - £17,840 per annum
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
Full or part-time (salary for part-time posts will be pro rata) Kings Hill The Schools' Personnel Service provides a comprehensive personnel service to schools across Kent. We are looking to recruit a Personnel Team Assistant to join our busy, hardworking team producing contracts of employment, liaising with schools' payroll providers, as well as giving advice and support to Headteachers and Governing Bodies. You should have good keyboard skills, the ability to quickly learn new systems, good communication skills and be able to prioritise and effectively manage your workload whilst keeping to strict deadlines. Personnel experience would be an advantage but is not essential, as full training will be provided. Please indicate on your application form if you are interested in a part time position. Part-time hours of five mornings per week or five afternoons per week will be considered.
TO APPLY:
Shirley Monk
Kent County Council
Tel: 01732 525241.
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
3 July 2007

JOB TITLE: Primary School Specialist

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Ashford Christ Church
Successful candidate will be able to teach General Subjects, be involved in Learning To Learn and Emotional Literacy projects in the Key Stage 3.
TO APPLY:
Liis Revell
Ashford Christ Church
Tel: 01233 652613
Email
liisrevell@ashfordchristchurch.com
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

JOB TITLE: Teacher of English and Performing Arts

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Ashford Christ Church
Successful candidate will have a creative teaching ability and repertoire of teaching pedagogy to inspire the hearts and minds as well

as cultivate habits and rhythms of success.
TO APPLY:
Liis Revell
Ashford Christ Church
Tel: 01233 652613
Email
liisrevell@ashfordchristchurch.com
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

JOB TITLE: Tutor/Assessors – Hairdressing

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
£19,570 - £22,260 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Kent County Council
1 x 37 hours and 2 x 15+ hours (Flexible working/Term-time only) Gillingham/Maidstone and Gillingham/Gravesend We've changed the way we work...Would you like to as well? KEY now offer the opportunity for qualified Hairdressers to either teach or assess our Hairdressing learners. Tutors will be delivering training direct from our salon in Gillingham or at a satellite centre in Gravesend to Year 10 and 11 school groups and 16+ learners. Assessors will be out and about across Kent assessing NVQ learners in their salons. Term-time Tutors will work within schools. As flexible and part-time working hours are available, you could work part-time in hairdressing and support young people to progress through their qualifications. For both roles you need to: ? Be a qualified hairdresser with recent hairdressing experience ? Be an A1 (D32/33) qualified Assessor ? Have experience of training delivery – preferably with a teaching/ training qualification. For the term-time Tutor you need to: ? Have the experience and interest to work with students aged 14-16. For the Sessional Tutor or Assessor you need to: ? Be available to work a minimum of 15 hours per week – days and times to be agreed. The ability to travel is necessary and posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.
TO APPLY:
Damian Young
Kent County Council
Tel: 01622 203602
Email key.recruitment@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
3 July 2007

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

JOB TITLE: Electrician LOCATION: LongField SALARY: TBA

COMPANY:
MotorSport Vision Ltd
To assist in the upkeep and planned preventative maintenance of all the venue's electrical installations and its facilities, the Brands Hatch circuit requires a fully qualified and certificated Electrician to join its Venue Maintenance Team. You will be required to have at least a City and Guilds 2360 Part 1 & 2 and NVQ Level 2 & 3 Electrical Installation or equivalent. The successful candidates will assist in the general maintenance and upkeep of the Brands Hatch electrical installations and facilities, ensuring that a high standard of service is delivered to ensure race and event activities are not disrupted, as well as being fully aware of and complying at all times with all Regulations. Applicants should apply in writing to: Joanne Brown, Human Resources Department, MotorSport Vision Limited, Brands Hatch Circuit, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8NG
TO APPLY:
Joanne Brown
MotorSport Vision Ltd
Email Joanne.brown@motorsportvision.co.uk

ESTATE AGENCY, PROPERTY

JOB TITLE: Branch Manager

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Miles & Barr
Do YOU fit the picture? Newly appointed or Managers already working within the industry .Your position will be overseen by an Associate and you will be expected to communicate and liaise effectively with this person. To command and receive a healthy respect from all members of your Team. To competently hold a morning meeting with effective tasking and motivational skills. To develop a complete office awareness of all activity, prioritising

your own involvement effectively. To show leadership qualities and the ability to influence your colleagues' performances as a Team and as individuals.e picture?
Canterbury/Ashford Area

TO APPLY:
Miranda Mallery
Miles
Tel: 01843 572582
Email
mirandamallery@milesandbarr.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Experienced Mortgage Consultants

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Freeman Foreman
Freeman Forman is part of Countrywide plc, the largest and most successful Estate Agency and Financial Services organisation in the UK. We are currently recruiting Mortgage Consultants to work within our offices throughout East Sussex & Kent. As an organisation we pride ourselves on offering our employees a comprehensive training and development programme that helps the right minded individual achieve their career and financial goals. We have recently reviewed our Company pay scheme and now offer salary packages that include an extremely competitive basic salary with a rewarding commission scale and other benefits. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who possesses drive, determination and a 'can-do' attitude. Applications should be sent to: Sue Pollington, Freeman Forman, 38 Mount Street, Battle, TN33 0EG.
TO APPLY:
Sue Pollington
Freeman Foreman
Email
commercial@freemanforman.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Sales Co-Ordinator

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Miles & Barr
Do YOU fit the picture? Whitstable and Folkestone areas A Sales Co-Ordinator will be required to work closely with the Branch Manager and team members to ensure the successful completion of sales and to communicate effectively with Vendors and Purchasers, Solicitors and Estate Agents. This is a challenging and exciting role requiring a professional and committed individual who will have the confidence and ability to become a pivotal part of the team Having the ability to effectively communicate with all parties and develop a good understanding of the Estate Agency process. Liaise with Vendors and Purchasers throughout the transaction having the ability to identify potential issues and problem solve. Communicate with Solicitors and Estate Agents To interpret and advise on survey results Have excellent negotiation skills
TO APPLY:
Miranda Mallery
Miles
Tel: 01843 572582
Email
mirandamallery@milesandbarr.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Trainee Mortgage Consultants

LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Freeman Foreman
Freeman Forman is part of Countrywide plc, the largest and most successful Estate Agency and Financial Services organisation in the UK. We are currently recruiting Mortgage Consultants to work within our offices throughout East Sussex & Kent. As an organisation we pride ourselves on offering our employees a comprehensive training and development programme that helps the right minded individual achieve their career and financial goals. We have recently reviewed our Company pay scheme and now offer salary packages that include an extremely competitive basic salary with a rewarding commission scale and other benefits. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who possesses drive, determination and a 'can-do' attitude. Applications should be sent to: Sue Pollington, Freeman Forman, 38 Mount Street, Battle, TN33 0EG.
TO APPLY:
Sue Pollington
Freeman Foreman
Email
commercial@freemanforman.co.uk

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:
Stores Assistant
LOCATION:
LongField
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
MotorSport Vision Ltd
Brands Hatch Warehouse team requires a Stores Assistant to assist in the monitoring and control of all stores locations at Brands Hatch, including car components, consumables, catering, maintenance and venue cleaning supplies. The successful candidate will be conscientious with ability to work under their own initiative; they will be an enthusiastic team player who is highly organised and capable of working in a fast paced department which deals with a large volume of work requiring accuracy and efficiency. Computer literacy and full driving licence would be an advantage, but not essential. Applicants should apply in writing to: Joanne Brown, Human Resources Department, MotorSport Vision Limited, Brands Hatch Circuit, Fawkham, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8NG
TO APPLY:
Joanne Brown
MotorSport Vision Ltd
Email Joanne.brown@motorsportvision.co.uk

INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

JOB TITLE: Internal Sales Person LOCATION:

Lydd
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
DED
This position is to work as part of our sales team selling an exciting range of products and services. We are looking for an experienced and highly motivated telesales person who will be responsible for both cold calling and follow up calls to generate new sales leads. All applicants MUST have experience in a pro-active telesales role and be self motivated. The ability to use various software packages for Contact Management and Word Processing is also required. If you are hard-working and want a new and exciting challenge, then please send your CV to Elliot Davis.
TO APPLY:
Elliot Davis
DED
Tel: 01797 322595
Email elliot@ded.co.uk

JOB TITLE: Service/Support Engineer

LOCATION:
Lydd
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
DED
This position is to work within our technical department supporting a range of printer, barcode and card technology products. We are looking for people with a good technical background who will be responsible for telephone technical support, product repair/servicing and new product testing. Applicants must be computer literate and have a good telephone manner. A technical background is also essential. If you are hard-working and want a new and exciting challenge, then please send your CV to Elliot Davis at the address below.
TO APPLY:
Elliot Davis
DED
Tel: 01797 322595
Email elliot@ded.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Trainer
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Starting salary c£14-19K
COMPANY:
Adastra Software Ltd
We wish to expand our existing team of 12 Adastra trainers providing Training and Configuration on our software. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual with strong training skills and a true willingness to go the extra mile for our customers. The role requires extensive travel throughout the UK and Eire. This is a demanding role which includes testing, documentation, internal and external training on our own bespoke SQL based software for which training is given. We are open-minded about qualifications and experience but good IT awareness and strong communication skills are a must. You will be enthusiastic with a passion for training, have good



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organisational skills and an assertive and out-going personality. The successful applicant will be equally comfortable working on their own initiative or as being part of a team. We are seeking someone who can bring new ideas and a creative approach to the role. City & Guilds 730 or Cert Ed would be an advantage. Other benefits: 5% pension contribution and fully-expensed company car (after a short probationary period). Please send your CV and covering letter to our HR department at the address below.

TO APPLY:
Adastra Software Ltd
Email rosetta.tagg@adastra.com
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

INSURANCE, BANKING, FINANCE

JOB TITLE:
Commercial Account Handler

LOCATION:
Tunbridge Wells

SALARY:
TBA

COMPANY:
Barry Grainger Insurance Ltd
Purpose To provide support to commercial clients to ensure conversion of new business, service of existing accounts and retention of renewals to achieve company income targets in accordance with company procedures and regulatory requirements. Main Tasks Respond to enquiries from prospects, clients, brokers and underwriters received by phone, letter, e-mail or fax in a courteous and helpful manner and ensure that all information required by clients or underwriters is obtained and communicated. Complete the key task of "fact finding" to identify clients' requirements and to provide a quotation to fulfil their needs. Maintain an accurate record of the assessment of the clients' awareness of risk and insurance as well as their circumstances and objectives. Using the information gathered, determine which Insurers will provide the most competitive rates for the covers required. Obtain quotations, using quotations system, rating guides or by referring to insurers. Communicate quotations, advising the most appropriate in terms of price and cover to meet the applicant's needs. Discuss any "additional" covers to ensure that all the insurance requirements are satisfied. If the quote is accepted verbally, the jobholder will issue DMD where necessary and written confirmation, providing full details of cover, enclosing proposal(s) for completion and the "Terms of Business" document. Issue invoices and policy documents and update client records. The jobholder will share responsibility for dealing with any actions attaching to existing clients on mid-term adjustments and claims and will occasionally refer to senior colleagues. Maintain the system for raising renewals, which should be actioned 3-4 weeks before renewal date. Manage the departmental diary system and produce renewal documentation. Scrutinise new business documentation received from insurers and pass to Administration section for processing. Handle referrals from the Administration section in respect of renewals, where appropriate. Ensure that the paper files and system records are created for new business and updated following all client contacts. Liaise with accounts department to ensure that credit control rules are followed and that cash flow objectives are achieved. Chase and receive payments by cheque, credit card and direct debit for new business, renewals and policy amendments. Issue receipt documents and send renewal documents. Other duties and responsibilities as may be required by the Managing Director. Skills We are looking for people with excellent customer service skills who are able to work on their own initiative as well as in a team. You will be asked to vary from new business sales to renewals as the business demands so flexibility will be key. PC skills are essential as are strong communication and time management skills. We are open from 9am to 6pm, working 37.5 hr shifts per week and 1 in 4 Saturdays, so flexibility is requested. In return we can offer you competitive salary, free parking, staff discount on insurance and a contributory staff pension scheme (subject to satisfactory completion of probation period). You will also have the opportunity to be rewarded for your hard work through our employee of the month award.

TO APPLY:
Emma Padley
Barry Grainger Insurance Ltd
Tel: 0870 1128103
Email emmapadley@barrygraingerinsurance.co.uk

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TO APPLY:
Emma Padley
Barry Grainger Insurance Ltd
Tel: 0870 1128103
Email emmapadley@barrygraingerinsurance.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Retail Administration Assistant

LOCATION:
Tunbridge Wells

SALARY:
£12,000 - £14,000

COMPANY:
Barry Grainger Insurance Ltd
Purpose This role is to provide support in all general office duties including post and telephone in accordance with the company procedures and regulatory requirements. Main Tasks Distribute incoming mail. Answer telephone and deal courteously with all callers, routing them as appropriate or taking messages. Collect and despatch outgoing mail. Produce and maintain diaries, chasing for outstanding information from insurers, brokers and clients. Maintain secure, efficient and accurate filing systems. Locate and pass files to other staff members, as requested and replace files in the system speedily. Update the computer system and produce documents when quotations are accepted. Provide accurate and efficient typing support as directed. Taking customer information for motor quotations Passing commercial/home insurance enquiries on the commercial department. Key Performance Indicators Accuracy of Data Input. Accuracy of Documentation. Dealing/processing incoming/outgoing post Maintenance of Diary. Promptness in dealing with correspondence. Promptness in returning telephone calls.

TO APPLY:
Emma Padley
Barry Grainger Insurance Ltd
Tel: 0870 1128103
Email emmapadley@barrygraingerinsurance.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Motor Insurance Sales/Renewals Clerk

LOCATION:
Tunbridge Wells

SALARY:
£16-£18 basic plus commission £23K OTE

COMPANY:
Barry Grainger Insurance Ltd
A minimum of 18 months retail insurance experience is essential for this role. The Role To provide support to retail clients to ensure conversion of new business, service of existing accounts and retention of

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Emma Padley
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LEGAL

JOB TITLE:
Family Solicitor/Legal Exec

LOCATION:
Sittingbourne

SALARY:
TBA

COMPANY:
Christopher Harris
Sought for busy practice. Undertaking both Publicly Funded and Private Client work. Must have broad experience in Ancillary/Domestic Violence and Care Work and work unsupervised. CV's to: Ms J H Steadman, Christopher Harris & Company, 20 West Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1AB

TO APPLY:
Ms J H Steadman
Christopher Harris
Tel: 01795 661 521
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

LEISURE, TOURISM, TRAVEL

JOB TITLE:
Receptionist

LOCATION:
Ashford

SALARY:
From £12k pa

COMPANY:
Holiday Inn Ashford North

The successful candidate will work as part of the existing reception team in helping achieving the goals in People, Product and Profit. The role requires an individual to exceed customer expectations through building relationships, anticipating and exploring the guests needs whilst promoting a professional image for the business. Personal organisation, communication and team working are vital key deliverables for this position. Completion of shift procedures, maximising profit, checking guests in and out, dealing with enquiries, liaising with other departments and monitoring the phones and process transactions are key to this role. Shifts will be required. 7am - 3pm or 3pm - 11pm although total flexibility is essential during peak times of the business. Suitable candidates will have previous reception experience or at least 12 months experience in a customer facing role.

TO APPLY:
Joanne Stockbridge
Holiday Inn Ashford North
Tel: 01233 713333
Email joanne.stockbridge@hishford.com

JOB TITLE:
Reservationist

LOCATION:
Ashford

SALARY:
from £5.77 ph

COMPANY:
Holiday Inn Ashford North

The successful candidate will work as part of the existing reception team in helping to achieve the goals set by the Holiday Inn Ashford North. The role requires an individual to exceed customer expectations through building and maintaining relationships with existing guests of the hotel as well as new ones, whilst promoting a professional image for the business. Personal organisation, communication and team working as well as having an excellent telephone manner are vital for this position. The ideal candidate should be able to work well under pressure and to set timeframes. Computer knowledge is essential however full training will be provided. Administration work is also involved. Suitable candidates will have had previous hotel reservations experience or at least 12 months experience in a similar role Hours of work are 9 - 5, 3 days per week between Monday - Friday although some flexibility will be required covering holidays

TO APPLY:
Joanne Stockbridge
Holiday Inn Ashford North
Tel: 01233 713333
Email joanne.stockbridge@hishford.com

MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
General Practitioner

LOCATION:
Liaison

SALARY:
£up to £25k

COMPANY:
Priory Hospital

The Priory Hospital, Hayes Grove is part of the Priory Group, which is

the leading independent provider of mental health care in Europe. The hospital is located near to Bromley in Kent is easily accessible from London and the M25. We are currently recruiting a full time General Practitioner Liaison. This new and exciting role focuses on servicing the needs of local GPs, developing relationships and presenting the hospital's unique services to gain referrals. The successful dynamic candidate needs to have proven sales ability, be able to communicate at various levels and have strong IT skills including Word, Excel & Powerpoint. Experience in a Healthcare related field would be desirable. The position offers a flexible competitive package with a salary up to £25k depending on experience. The successful candidates will be required to apply for a Disclosure at the Enhanced level from the Criminal Records Bureau. Further information can be obtained from www.disclosure.gov.uk For an application from please contact Marilyn Johnstone by telephoning the number below.

TO APPLY:
Marilyn Johnstone
Priory Hospital
Tel: 0208 315 8818
Email marilynjohnstone@prioryhealthcare.com
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Interpretation and Community Engagement Officer

LOCATION:
Rochester

SALARY:
£25,520 - £29,190 per annum

COMPANY:
Kent County Council

Be a part of the Valley of Visions. Be part of a new team which will make a real difference in the Medway Gap, a place of dramatic contrasts lying within and beside the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). We have the funding and local support in place to deliver an ambitious project that takes an integrated and sustainable approach to landscape, access and heritage management. The Valley of Visions Scheme has a budget of £2.4m over three years – partly financed by the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme. There are not many opportunities like this one. All posts are fixed term three years initially, based at The Cedars, Snodland. You will work with the Valley of Visions Team members and other partners to develop, co-ordinate and implement community engagement in, and interpretation of, the landscape and heritage of the Medway Gap. In addition to providing expertise in community engagement and interpretation you will manage, develop and co-ordinate implementation of the Interpretation and Community Engagement Plan. The Valley of Visions team will work as part of the Kent Downs AONB Unit and will be employed by Kent County Council. For further details contact Nick Johannsen on 01303 815170. To apply visit www.kent.gov.uk or email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk telephone 08458 247 904, Minicom 08458 247 905 (charged at local rate). Please quote the relevant reference when applying. Closing date for all posts: Midday, 6 July 2007

TO APPLY:
Nick Johannsen
Kent County Council
Tel: 01303 815170
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Landscape Access & Heritage Project Officer

LOCATION:
Rochester

SALARY:
£25,520 - £29,190 per annum

COMPANY:
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three key programmes; The Medway Gap Landscape & Habitat Programme, The Medway Countryside Links Programme and the Medway Gap Industrial Heritage Programme. The Valley of Visions team will work as part of the Kent Downs AONB Unit and will be employed by Kent County Council. To apply visit www.kent.gov.uk or email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk telephone 08458 247 904, Minicom 08458 247 905 (charged at local rate). Please quote the relevant reference when applying. Closing date for all posts: Midday, 6 July 2007.

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Nick Johannsen
Kent County Council
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CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Part-time Finance Reporting & Partnership Officer

LOCATION:
Rochester

SALARY:
£22,260 - £25,520 per annum

COMPANY:
Kent County Council

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TO APPLY:
Nick Johannsen
Kent County Council
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Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Part-time Training Officer

LOCATION:
Rochester

SALARY:
£22,260 - £25,520 per annum

COMPANY:
Kent County Council

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TO APPLY:
Nick Johannsen
Kent County Council
Tel: 01303 815170
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Project Manager

LOCATION:
Rochester

SALARY:
£34,500 - £39,710 per annum

COMPANY:
Kent County Council

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TO APPLY:
Nick Johannsen
Kent County Council
Tel: 01303 815170
Email email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

JOB TITLE:
Local Childcare Charity seeks additional Trustees

LOCATION:
Ramsgate

SALARY:
Voluntary

COMPANY:
Thanet Early Years Project

Thanet Early Years Project is the largest childcare provider in Thanet, and we are looking for individuals with clear values and standards with a little spare time to join our Board of Trustees. Thanet Early Years Project is a local voluntary organisation with charitable status. It was established in 1987 as a response to community concern back by demographic data. We are particularly looking for people with a background in one or more of the following: Finance, Charity Management and Administration Personnel, IT Skills, Business Skills Child Care Family Support Property Management Health and Safety. This is a voluntary position, and there is an expectation of commitment to attend one Board Meeting per month, which is held in the evening, plus additional duties as they arise. If you feel you would be interested in joining our Board of Trustees, then please contact Maria Knight who will arrange for an expression of interest form and an information pack to be sent out to you. Please contact her at Thanet Early Years Project on 01843 591200, or you can email maria@thanetearyyears.org. We do look forward to hearing from you and thank you for taking the time to read this advertisement.

TO APPLY:
Maria Knight
Thanet Early Years Project
Tel: 01843 591200
Email maria@thanetearyyears.org

JOB TITLE:
Project Manager

LOCATION:
Sevenoaks

SALARY:
Salary range £19,000 - £22,000

COMPANY:
Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre

• Would you like to project manage an exciting new initiative developing community based opportunities for people with learning disabilities in the Sevenoaks District? • Are you a strategic and creative thinker? • Do you have experience of working in partnership with a wide range of agencies? To find out more about this new exciting multi-agency project, visit www.sevenoaksvolunteers.org.uk or email: info@sevenoaksvolunteers.org.uk or telephone 01732 454785 Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre is committed to being an equal opportunities employer.

TO APPLY:
Sevenoaks Volunteer Centre
Tel: 01732 454785
Email info@sevenoaksvolunteers.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 27 July

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Administrative Assistant

LOCATION:
Canterbury

SALARY:
£9.5-28K + Excellent Benefits Package

COMPANY:
Zeetech Services Ltd

An opportunity has arisen within a rapidly expanding, exceptional health centre. These positions are extremely sought after and available immediately. We are looking for 2 full-time RECEPTIONIST/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS & 1 ADMINISTRATIVE/CLINICAL ASSISTANT that are: • Hard working and motivated • Enthusiastic and committed • Confident and outgoing • Works well within a team • Enjoys helping others better their health • Thrives on self improvement and success We require minimum qualifications of 5 GCSE's Grade C and above (must include English and Mathematics) Basic computer skills are preferable: Proficient user of Microsoft Office, particularly Word and Excel. RECEPTIONIST/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS Hours: Monday-Friday 39.5 hours One Saturday afternoon per month ADMINISTRATIVE/CLINICAL ASSISTANT Hours: Monday-Thursday 39.5 hours Friday OFF One Saturday afternoon per month No experience in this field is required, as full training will be provided. There will be overseas travel for training and development. Apply for this job if you consider yourself to be confident and outgoing by emailing your CV or apply in writing.

TO APPLY:
Lesley Sootarsing
Zeetech Services Ltd
Email wellness@optimalspine.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:
Flexi Working

LOCATION:
Deal

SALARY:
TBA

COMPANY:
Milestone House

A small residential home in Deal requires people for flexi-working. Are you kind, compassionate, and want to make a difference? We are a specialist unit caring for adults with profound learning disabilities and physical disabilities. You must be fit, dependable and have the right attitude, a sense of humour would help, the rest we will provide. The person must be flexible in their attitude towards work as we require people to be able to cover annual leave, long term sickness, maternity leave and emergency cover. The duties will consist of early and late shifts. Competitive rates of pay, all necessary training. CRB checks will be required. For more information please contact Lesley Stapleton on the number below.

TO APPLY:
Lesley Stapleton
Milestone House
Tel: 01304 381201
Email milestonehouse@aol.com

JOB TITLE:
Locum - Pyschological Therapists

LOCATION:
Kent

SALARY:
Salary £22,293 – £25,437 pro rata (SCP 28 - 32)

COMPANY:
KCA (UK)

KCA (UK) is an expanding and vibrant organisation providing a wide



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range of high quality and innovative specialist services. Founded in 1975 and currently employing over 300 paid and unpaid staff, it has an annual income of £11 million and is becoming established as one of the leading service providers in the South East Region. Our aim is to deliver individually tailored care packages that are cost effective in reducing drug and alcohol related harm and are based on cost-efficient structures processes and delivery mechanisms. We currently require additional, experienced psychological therapists, to work with adult clients, on a part time or locum basis in our well-established Psychological Therapy Service. Our psychological therapists provide short term therapeutic interventions within G.P. practices throughout Kent, working as a member of a Primary Care Team. The number of sessions and available working days will be negotiated to meet the requirements of the service and we are particularly requiring practitioners in the Medway/Maidstone area. We provide a strong, departmental framework with regular clinical supervision, line management, monthly team meetings, effective administration, and opportunities for further training and career development. Applicants will be required to be qualified to a minimum of Diploma level, knowledge of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and CORE being highly desirable. In addition applicants should be eligible for BACP Accreditation and/or UKCP registration. An ability to provide focused, short-term interventions, in addition to being able to work independently whilst being an effective team member is also essential. For application forms contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. This post carries an Essential Car User Allowance. Interview Dates: Friday 27th July 2007 KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse Charity No: 292824.

TO APPLY:
Marina McClean
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 590635
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 13th July 2007

OTHER

JOB TITLE:
Host Families
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
Excellent Rates
COMPANY:
Churchill House School of English
Host Families required in Ramsgate, Birchington and Westgate for July and August 2007. We require caring host families for our overseas students from 3 to 6 weeks. 24 hour emergency contact would be available as well as the full support of our established language school. You would be expected to provide breakfast and dinner Monday to Friday and all meals at weekends. For more information telephone Gill Edmonds on 01843 582622

TO APPLY:
Gill Edmonds
Churchill House School of English
Tel: 01843 582622
Email gill@churchillhouse.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
August 07

PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

JOB TITLE:
Accreditatation Officer
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
Salary c£15,338 for 26hrs pw(Fte £20,648) + Pension + Potential Training
COMPANY:
Kent Youth
This is an exciting time to join our charity which work across Kent & Medway. We are strengthening the way we accredit young people's volunteering through our Level 2 BTEC peer mentoring and peer education programmes and support partner organizations including charities and schools which work under accreditation license from us to create and develop volunteering opportunities for young people. The work will include licensing, guiding and supporting partner organisations to successfully deliver the accredited volunteering opportunities and assessing young people's portfolios. The postholder or successful tender will be able demonstrate relevant experience, an ability to form and maintain effective relationships with partners, and a commitment to the role of young volunteers. The postholder or company will report direct to our Head of Programmes & services but will work closely with the charity's seven other staff. If you wish to utilise your skills and experiences, & join a vibrant team of professional staff, this post might be for you. Applications will be by CV plus max 2 sides of A4 or tender proposal. Further information can be obtained from: Kent Youth, The Youth House, Marlborough Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 5HR

TO APPLY:

Kent Youth
Tel: 01634 281841
Email info@kentyouth.org
CLOSING DATE
16th July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Campus Caretaker

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£13,339 to 14,854 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University

The post provides an opportunity for a hardworking, flexible and motivated individual to assist in the successful development of this project. You will undertake basic maintenance tasks in respect of the building and the grounds and assist with a range of housekeeping/cleaning tasks. You will have GCSE English A - C or equivalent and will hold (or will be expected to obtain following appointment to the post) a Health and Safety First Aid at Work Certificate. You will require current or very recent experience as a caretaker or 'handyman' and have previous experience of a post involving responsibility for security. Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk.

TO APPLY:

Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Community Development Officer (Health)

LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£19,515 - £33,009 pa rising with exceptional performance (pay award pending)
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks District Council

We are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to co-ordinate partnership working and develop health based initiatives in partnership with West Kent Primary Care Trust as part of existing and new healthy lifestyles projects throughout the district. This is an exciting opportunity for the right person. You will be working on a range of healthy lifestyle projects to improve the health of well being of the local community, particularly related to identified areas of need and hard-to-reach groups. This will include organising events, marketing and promoting initiatives and co-ordinating relevant partners to develop an effective multi-agency approach to health prevention and improvement. This work is jointly funded by Sevenoaks District Council and West Kent Primary Care Trust. Based at Sevenoaks District Council offices, you will work as part of a team but also be expected to work on your own initiative. You will need excellent organisational and interpersonal skills and have experience of working in a health improvement or community development environment. The ability to motivate and engage with all members of the community and partners is essential. You are welcome to contact Hayley Brooks, Health and Leisure Team Leader on the number given, for an informal discussion about the position. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme, free car parking at place of work and excellent training and development opportunities. To apply on-line please visit our website, www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/jobs. You may also contact the Personnel Unit for an Information pack and application form by calling the recruitment voicemail on 01732 227102 (24 hours) or by e-mailing recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk quoting the reference CS.572. Interview date: Tuesday 17th July 2007

TO APPLY:

Hayley Brooks
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01732 227272
Email recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
Friday 6th July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Customer Services Officer (4 posts)

LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Circa £15,000 - £18,000 per annum pro rata for part-time
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council

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TO APPLY:

Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 337000
Email customer.services@gravesham.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Drug Intervention Programme Workers Gravesend and Maidstone

LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
£17,985 - £25,437 (SCP 21 - 32) - 37 hours per week Pay award Pending
COMPANY:
KCA (UK)

This post carries an Essential Car User Allowance In this role you will contribute to the provision of the Kent Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) that aims to reduce drug related crime by engaging with offenders through all stages of the criminal justice system. You will take active steps to contact people who have been referred to KCA by Police, Probation or Prison based services in order to assess for treatment services relevant to their individual needs and address problems of social exclusion. You will work in collaboration with specialist Prison Drug Services, Prison and Community Probation staff and Police staff to deliver co-ordinated and planned support packages. To meet the challenges of this role you should have previous employment that includes knowledge of working within the criminal justice system and of working with vulnerable people. These posts are subject to Criminal Records Bureau check at enhanced level and also Enhanced Prison Service Security clearance. For application forms contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Interviews will be held in Sittingbourne

TO APPLY:

Claire Begent
KCA (UK)
Tel: 01795 439409
Email marina@kca.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
5th July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Fraud Officer

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£18,354 - £23,082 + Essential User Car Allowance
COMPANY:
Shepway District Council

You will join our already successful team and help us achieve even greater success in the future. If you are enthusiastic and have experience of dealing with fraudulent claims, this could be the job for you. The closing date for completed application forms is Friday 6th July 2007.

TO APPLY:

Steve Austin
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 858699
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Information and Learning Support Officer

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£19,263 to £21,050 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University

In September 2007 Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Greenwich will open the University Centre Folkestone (UCF). Ref: ILS/UCF/77 Working closely with key staff across both universities, you will provide induction, support, advice and training to staff and students in the operation and use of computing facilities, materials and equipment. This will include providing first line information/computing support and assistance in the use of the networks of the two universities. In addition, this will involve first line support for library services, including liaison with academic services librarians at each university and liaison with the Folkestone Public Library staff who will provide traditional library services to UCF. You will be of degree calibre, have excellent IT skills, and have computing experience preferably in a networked environment. A higher level qualification in Computing or Information Management would be an advantage. Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk.

TO APPLY:

Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Integrated Student Support Services Officer

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£19,263 to £21,050 per annum (pro rata if part-time)
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University

(Two part-time 0.5 posts or one full-time post) Ref: ISS/UCF/77 Working closely with key staff across both universities, you will be responsible for setting up integrated student help desk services, offering first line student support and guidance and making referrals to specialist student support and guidance staff as appropriate. You will be of degree calibre, have experience of student support and guidance services in higher education and have good IT and administrative skills. You will have a high standard of customer care and a genuine concern for the needs of students. Experience of working in student support and guidance services in further or higher education would be an advantage. Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk.

TO APPLY:

Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Part-time Administrative Assistant

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Circa £6,000 - £8,000 per annum
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council

20 hours per week. We are looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant to undertake a variety of administration tasks and assist with internal and external enquires within the customer services department. Working as part of a dedicated, multi-skilled team, you will possess good administrative and customer service skills, be competent in Word, Excel and Outlook Express and have a flexible approach to the role. Applicants should be available to provide additional cover during peak periods and sickness when necessary. For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU. Gravesham Borough Council is working towards equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. The council also operates a no smoking policy.

TO APPLY:

Gravesham Borough Council
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CLOSING DATE
8 July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Procurement Officer

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£17,151 - £18,198 pa pro rata
COMPANY:
South Kent College
This post is part-time, 25 hours per week. You will ensure the College gets the best deals financially ensuring quality of provision. You will negotiate purchasing with external stakeholders, work collaboratively with other College's to ensure economies of scale and control all contracts throughout the College and keep a centralised system up-to-date at all times. Candidates will need to have a good standard or education (5 GCSEs or equivalent), be qualified to AAT Technician or equivalent and have previous experience of working within a Finance setting.

TO APPLY:
South Kent College
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
16th July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Repairs Assistant

LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Circa £11,500 - £15,000 per annum
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
Methodical and motivated, you will join our busy repairs section and provide a high standard of service to colleagues and members of the public. Responsibilities will include receiving telephone requests for works, raising inspections and orders, maintaining records of works completed, Residents Satisfaction Cards, emergency call outs and the verification and payment of invoices. You must be an excellent communicator with a good telephone manner, experience of using in-house database systems and an aptitude to learning IT systems. A knowledge of MS Word would be an advantage. For an application form and job description please contact: Customer Services Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk K. Gravesham Borough Council is working towards equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. The council also operates a no smoking policy.

TO APPLY:

Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Revenues Officer

LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£11,241 - £18,354
COMPANY:
Shepway District Council
You will be required to maintain accurate account records in response to information received, respond to queries from customers (including phone and counter queries) and make and monitor arrangements for arrears. You will also need to be committed to customer care. For an informal discussion, please contact Jane Worrell, Operations Manager, on 01303 853226.

TO APPLY:
Jane Worrell
Shepway District Council
Tel: 01303 853226
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

JOB TITLE:

Technical Clerk

LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£14,664-£17,874 pa rising to £18,972 with exceptional performance
COMPANY:
Sevenoaks District Council

Pay award pending plus a final salary contributory pension scheme. Based at Dumbrik Depot, you will provide full administrative support to the section including using a bespoke computer system on which full training will be given. Working within a small friendly team, your duties will include maintaining computer based costing and management systems, as well as manual records and job cards. You will liaise with customers and other Council departments, in order to process orders and invoices and deal with phone, email and face-to-face enquiries. Good communication and keyboard skills are essential as well as an excellent telephone manner. You will be expected to provide cover when necessary for all aspects of the team's work and therefore must be flexible in your approach and be able to work as part of a team. The ability to work to deadlines and on your own initiative is essential. An aptitude for computer and financial work will be a distinct advantage. Full training on all computerised systems will be given. We work a 37-hour, Monday to Friday working week with flexi-time. For an informal discussion about this post please contact Angela Dodge below. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme,

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TO APPLY:
Angela Dodge
Sevenoaks District Council
Tel: 01959 567353
Email recruitment@sevenoaks.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6th July 2007

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JOB TITLE:

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LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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Versutus Advertising
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LOCATION:
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Andrew Wood
Dutton Forshaw Maidstone
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE:

Specialist Recruitment Consultant

LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
OTE £30,000 (1st year)
COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Jo Bhalsod
Hays Insurance
Tel: 0116 262 2445
Email jjyoti.bhalsod@hays.com.

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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Vicki Salvatori
Tel: 01227 722247
Email vicki@salvatori.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSING ACT 2003 Notice for application for Variation of a Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that Mr & Mrs T Gill have applied to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for the variation of a Premises Licence in respect of premises known as Ham Hill Stores, 226 Malling Road, Snodland, Kent ME6 5JG. The application seeks the variation of the premises licence in respect of the following:

- The sale of alcohol - extension of permitted hours of sale during the morning.

Details of the register of record of the application can be viewed at the Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices (Licensing Dept), Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling ME6 5JG during normal office hours. Any representations from interested parties or responsible authorities must be made in writing to the Council by 26th July 2007.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine which a person is liable on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding £5000.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Applications have been made by Ms Boxall of Glovers Bridge Barn, Grigg Lane, Headcorn and Mrs Whytock of Torrington, 83 London Road, Tunbridge Wells to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at these premises.

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Renault baby's grown-up price

SUSPICIONS linger over Renault's decision not to import the original Twingo city car to the UK.

The official line was the prohibitive cost of re-engineering for right hand drive, but it might have been fears that the Twingo would steal sales from the French marque's chic and profitable Clio.

No such qualms exist now; Renault is having

its cake and eating it with the Clio as the latest and larger scale third-generation car commands a premium price and market position, while the previous incarnation continues as the budget Renault Campus.

To complement both, the Twingo enters the UK market on September 7 with a good standard spec and premium price tag for a city car, though the design is not as revolutionary as the first model.



With customisation at purchase popular since the MINI exploded on the scene, Renault is hoping to compensate for that everyday styling by offering exterior decals so that customers can personalise their Twingo.



Mitsubishi's all new jet fighter

TALKING of turnarounds, Mitsubishi has also been through the mill too, but now seems to be emerging all the stronger.

After consolidating its rugged reputation with the L200 pick-up, and then launching the capable Colt supermini, its pivotal model will be the new family-size Lancer, which is due to arrive here by late 2007/early 2008.

Not only is it sharply styled, it also marks the debut of a new Mitsubishi global car platform at the heart of new models in many markets.

The Lancer was designed in Germany and features a low stance, wide track and a 'jet fighter' grille with distinctive, deep set, eye-like headlamps.

A five-door Lancer 'Sportback' is promised as a follow-up to the saloon and likely to be the UK's long-term best seller.

Bravo applauds Fiat fight back

FIAT has escaped bankruptcy, but real profitability cannot come from small cars like the Panda and Grande Punto – good though they are.

Genuine renewal should come from the arrival this weekend of the Italian marque's racy Ford Focus rival, the Bravo, to be followed by the MINI-bashing reborn Fiat 500 next year.

This new Bravo looks the part despite reviving the name of a less than spectacular predecessor and taking just 18 months to design and bring to production with claimed high levels of refinement.



There are 12 versions of the new five-door, starting at £10,995 and with a generous standard spec.

Engine options are mostly predictable, including two of Fiat's excellent MultiJet diesels, but an all-new 1.4 litre 'T-Jet' 150bhp turbo-charged petrol engine makes its debut.

Small capacity turbocharged petrol engines are being seen as a way to deliver economies on car tax and fuel bills, while maintaining performance.

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Demonstrators

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	Nubria
04 04	Daewoo Nubria 1.8 CDX 4dr, Pearl Black, 18,868 miles
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	Lacetti
07 07	Lacetti 1.4 SE, Poly Silver, del miles
06 56	Lacetti 1.4 SE 5dr, Poly Silver, 5,977 miles
06 06	Lacetti 1.6 SX AUTO, Poly Silver, 4,850 miles
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06 56	Lacetti 1.8 Sport SW, Pearl Black, 3,836 miles
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by
STEVE LOADER

CHRYSLER dealers must feel like they have been in a bus queue – after waiting ages for new models, they all turn up at once.

Last year, the Dodge Caliber arrived and new stuff is now coming thick and fast: three all-new Jeeps, plus a couple of Dodges due before the end of the summer.

And the Chrysler Sebring (from £17,995) is due in showrooms on July 4 – a date that cannot help but emphasise the 'American-ness' Chrysler likes to exploit and will highlight with a test drive event from July 4-6 featuring the Sebring and those new Jeeps – the Wrangler, Patriot and Compass.

Even Chrysler UK marketing director Steve Grey admitted the new model schedule was "a bit bonkers", especially at a time when Mercedes parent Daimler is disentangling itself from Chrysler after an unsuccessful merger.

Despite the 'divorce' though, he insisted it was business as usual with Daimler retaining a 20 per cent interest in Chrysler and its brands while controversial private equity firm Cerberus acquires the majority holding.

Tough arena

Despite the glut of new models, it should be business as usual for UK dealers too; though they have waited four years for something that might replace the Chrysler Neon saloon (1999-2003), they will not expect huge sales from the Sebring.

For a start, the newcomer is really a lower volume flagship to sit above the visually different yet mechanically similar Dodge Avenger due later this summer.

And Chrysler is all too aware that both cars are in a tough arena, the 'D' or Ford Mondeo segment, which has been whittled away by the rise of 4x4s, MPVs/people carriers and the passion for German compact executive models.

Steve Grey admitted that the VW Passat and latest Ford Mondeo were fine cars and the Sebring would not attack them head to head,

All-new Sebring born on July 4th



BUSY SCHEDULE: The new Chrysler Sebring joins a growing list of new Chrysler models rolling off the production line

but Chrysler fancied its chances against the Toyota Avensis and Honda Accord.

Furthermore, with the depleted D-segment still worth some 400,000 UK registrations a year, Chrysler wants only a modest 1,000 sales by the end of 2007.

This looks easy; the Sebring is possibly the most smartly distinctive car in the sector and comes in one value-for-money high-spec Limited trim level and anyone looking for something different has to check it out, just as they have with

Chrysler's bigger and magnificent 300C.

Chrysler reckons they will be mostly men and 55 on average. They also shouldn't expect too much from the driving experience; the Sebring is rather bland for something that echoes a famous US race circuit and one of those cars that looks rather better on your drive than delivering one.

The diesel should take 70 per cent of UK sales and though it is a 2.0 Mercedes unit – something of a surprise since Chrysler contro-



versally opted for a smooth 2.0 VW TDI for the Caliber – you are never in doubt that an 'oil burner' is under the bonnet.

The interior looks lavish though even if its long term durability is in question, so Chrysler's modest sales ambitions should be achieved through the Sebring's style and value.

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Mazda's 'sports star' hardens its appeal

DrivingReview



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MazdaMX-5

HAVING spent three generations positioning the Mazda MX-5 as the world's best known open-top sports car, it might seem daft to add a solid roof – even a folding one.

But the MX-5 'Roadster Coupe' launched last year has actually improved and widened

its sports star appeal.

Part of the MX-5's success is that while always a well-engineered and reliable interpretation of classic rear-driven Triumph and MG sports cars, it was also a useable everyday car.

From personal experience, I can report driving hundreds of miles at a time in a Mark 1 MX and emerging as fresh as if I had been driving something that looked altogether more comfortable.

And it is additional convenience – without marring the MX-5 character – that the Roadster Coupe line-up offers, justifying a £2,000 or so premium over its soft top equivalents.

The hard top didn't need to offer greater weatherproofing – the original soft top could handle a monsoon anyway – but it does deliver greater security and refinement plus a more

upmarket image, especially as Mazda's execution is better looking than many other 'coupe convertible' jobs.

The powered folding hard top is an ingenious piece of kit in itself, taking just 12 seconds to close or open after pulling a single lever. It folds neatly behind the two seats without robbing precious boot space, although the 150-litre luggage capacity is better than ever before.

So, apart from the extra cash, is there any reason not to buy the Roadster Coupe version instead of the standard soft top?

Yes, if you crave extra performance; that fancy roof and its accoutrements adds weight that slightly compromises straight line performance and the car's legendary handling, but you would need a

day at the race track to notice.

What the whole MX-5 range still lacks is a nutcase powertrain to convince doubting Thomases that this is one of the world's great sports cars and there are strong rumours that a powerful flagship is on the way with an MPS badge – Mazda's new sporting sub-brand.

Our 158bhp 2.0-litre test car was the more potent of the two current engine options delivering 0-62mph in just over eight seconds and a maximum of 131mph – there is also a 125bhp 1.8 unit and a 2.0-litre Sport version with six-speed 'box offering marginally better acceleration for a sizeable price hike of £1,500.

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320i, 2005, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, black, 11185 miles, £17995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

525, 2005, 1lthr alloys e/wind cd climate, silver, 18599 miles, £22995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2005, insurance group 8, abs, air conditioning, audio remote control, body coloured bumpers, drivers airbag, electric door mirrors, folding rear seats, front electric windows, front fog lights, heated door mirrors, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cd, rear electric windows, remote central locking, roof rails, side airbags, steering wheel rake adjustment, arctic blue, 14000 miles, £6000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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GRAND VOYAGER, 2005, bronze, 22313 miles, £15995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, 1.6Hdi 600Kg Enterprise, 2007, 1.6hdi 600kg enterprise diesel, polar white, 10 miles, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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C1, 1.0i Rhythm 5dr, 2006, 1.0i rhythm 5dr hatch, black, 6500 miles, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C15, 1.9D Champ 600 Van, 2003, 1.9d champ 600 van d diesel, white, 39106 miles, £3495, Wilmoth's, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

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C3, 1.4i Desire Hatchback 5d 1360cc, 04, 2004 04 reg citroen c3 1.4i desire, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, metallic silver, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, p/x welcome, £5999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

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C6, 2.7 Hdi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto, 2007, 2.7 hdi v6 exclusive 4dr auto diesel saloon, iron grey, 5000 miles, £31995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0i 16V SX 5dr Auto [143], 2006, 2.0i 16v sx 5dr auto [143] estate, arctic steel, 6000 miles, £13695, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C8, 2.2 Hdi 16V Exclusive 5dr, 2003, 2.2 hdi 16v exclusive 5dr diesel estate, palm green, 37547 miles, £11795, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 1.9 D Van 815Kg, 2006, 1.9 d van 815kg diesel, blue, 6132 miles, £8995, Wilmoth's, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

SAXO, 1.1i Desire 5dr, 2001, 1.1i desire 5dr hatch, poseldon blue, 12672 miles, £3495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

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PUNTO, 2004, e/wind c/lock pas, silver, 17795 miles, £4695, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.2 DYNAMIC, 2004, central locking electric windows power steering immobiliser, emerald green, 55000 miles, £4000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

ULYSSE, Dynamic 2.0, 2003, red, 33154 miles, £5995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

FORD

COUGAR, 2.5 V6 24v Coupe 3d 2544cc, 51, 2001 51 reg ford cougar 2.5 v6 24v, 3 doors, manual, coupe, petrol, 30,400 miles, metallic melina blue, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air con, alloy wheels, computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, electrically adjustable seats, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cassette,airbags, sports seats, traction control, £6990, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, 0845 3891136 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style Hatchback 3d 1242cc, 55, 2005 55 reg ford fiesta 1.25 style, 3 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 9, 800 miles, metallic moon dust silver, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, full service history, £7490, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, 0845 3891136 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Style, 2005, jeans, 25638 miles, £6495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.8 Ghia 5dr, 2002, 1.8 ghia 5dr hatch, green, 47462 miles, £5495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec Auto, 2004, insurance group 5, abs, alloy wheels, audio remote control, body coloured bumpers, drivers airbag, folding rear seats, front electric windows, front fog lights, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, sports seats, steering wheel rake adjustment, steering wheel reach adjustment, moon dust silver, 36000 miles, £5493, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, 01/03/2004, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, red, 42568 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, 2004, honour green, 9300 miles, £7995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FUSION, 1.6 Zetec [Climate], 08/09/2006, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 3828 miles, £10999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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GALAXY, 1.9 TD 110PS Zetec 7 seat, 1999, insurance group 12, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, central locking, drivers airbag, electric door mirrors, front electric windows, front fog lights, heated door mirrors, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cassette, roof rails, steering wheel rake adjustment, steering wheel reach adjustment, diallo blue, 67000 miles, £5000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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MONDEO, 2.0TDCi 130 Titanium X 5dr [Euro 4] (2005 - 2007), 26/07/2006, cd player abs leather hood cover alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control auto climate control electric windows, silver, 6835 miles, £13499, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

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AMICA, Gsi 1.0, 2001, blue, 35434 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

COUPE, Sill 2.0, 2006, stone black, 5000 miles, £14995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

COUPE, 1.6 S Coupe 3d 1599cc, 02, 2002 02 reg hyundai coupe 1.6 s, 3 doors, manual, coupe, petrol, blue, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, lumbar support, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, side airbags, p/x welcome, £7999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

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MATRIX, Gsi 1.6, 2002, silver, 36447 miles, £4995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

MATRIX, Gsi 1.6, 2001, red, 44594 miles, £4995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SANTA FE, 2.0CRTD GSi Station Wagon 5d 1991cc, 53, 2003 53 reg hyundai santa fe 2.0 crtd gsi, 5 doors, manual, estate, diesel, silver, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, electric sunroof, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, head restraints, lumbar support, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear headrests, rear armrest, remote locking, p/x welcome, £10999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

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TUCSON, 2005, a/con alloys e/wind e/mirr cd, silver, 5567 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

XG 30, 3.0, 2000, silver, 53597 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LX Auto, Diesel, 2006, insurance group 8, abs, air con, body coloured bumpers, drivers airbag, electric door mirrors, front electric windows, front fog lights, heated door mirrors, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cd, rear electric windows, remote central locking, steering wheel rake adjustment, cool silver, 13630 miles, £9995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

CERATO, 1.5 GS CRDi Diesel, 2006, abs, air con, alarm, alloys, airbags, electric mirrors, front electric windows, immobiliser, power steering, radio/cd, remote central locking, ice blue, 50 miles, £8995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

RIO, Le + 1.3, 2004, silver, 13377 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

MAGENTIS, 2.0 LS Tip Automatic, Diesel, 2006, insurance group 12, abs, alloys, body coloured bumpers, climate control, drivers airbag, electric door mirrors, electrically adjustable drivers seat, front electric windows, front fog lights, heated door mirrors, heated front seat, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, leather seats, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cd, rear electric windows, side airbags, steering wheel reach adjustment, traction control, trip computer, deep ocean blue, £13995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 LX, 2006, insurance group 3 abs air conditioning alarm body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment, liquid silver, 10900 miles, £5695, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

RIO, Le + 1.3, 2004, silver, 13377 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

RIO, 1.5 CRDi GS, 2006, insurance group 4, abs, air con, body coloured bumpers, central locking, drivers airbag, folding rear seats, front electric windows, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cd, steering wheel rake adjustment, silver, 6500 miles, £7995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SEDONA, 2.9 CRDi L 7 seat Auto, Diesel, 2004, insurance group 10, abs, air con, body coloured bumpers, drivers airbag, front electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cassette, remote central locking, roof rails, midnight black, £9995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SEDONA, 2.9 CRDi LE Diesel, 2006, insurance group 11 abs, air con, alloys, body coloured bumpers, drivers airbag, electric door mirrors, front electric windows, heated door mirrors, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cd, remote central locking, roof rails, midnight black, 12674 miles, £12995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SORENTO, 2.5 CRiI XE Automatic Diesel, 2006, ebony, miles, £17495, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SORENTO, 2.5 CRDi XE Automatic Diesel, 2006, abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels drivers airbag passenger airbag side airbags electric mirrors electric windows central locking front electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering roof rails trip computer, ebony, 50 miles, £16995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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FREELANDER, 2000, silver, 51000 miles, £4995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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3, 2005, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, metallic black, 22480 miles, £10495, WJ King Vauxhall, Farningham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

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A CLASS, A140 Classic SE, 2004, insurance group 5, abs, air con, alarm, body coloured bumpers, drivers airbag, electric door mirrors, front electric windows, front fog lights, heated door mirrors, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cd, remote central locking, service indicator, side airbags, traction control, star silver, 35000 miles, £6493, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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ZS, 2.5 180 Saloon 2497cc, 53, 2003 53 reg mg zs 2.5 180, 4 doors, manual, saloon, petrol, metallic black, abs, air con, alloys, computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, radio/cassette, remote locking, airbags, sports seats. £7999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER, 1.6 3dr, 2002, 1.6 3dr hatch, silver, 30729 miles, £8995, Masters Citroen, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

COOPER S, 1.6 3dr, 30/06/1997, cd player abs driver airbag electric windows, blue, 90532 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

MINI, 1.6 One Hatchback 3d 1598cc, 03, 2003 03 reg mini one 1.6, 3 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 13,200 miles, red, 1 owner, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cassette, side airbags, rear headrests, contact gary cheetham for more help, alloy wheels, full service history. £9490, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0845 3891136 (TRADE)

MITSUBISHI

CARISMA, 1.9TD Elegance Hatchback 5d 1870cc, 52, 2003 52 reg mitsubishi carisma 1.9 td di-d elegance, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, diesel, 28,000 miles, metallic blue, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group: 10, £6,000, £6000, SMC Mitsubishi Erith, Erith, 0845 3380939 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.1 Mirage 3dr, 28/04/2005, grey, 10631 miles, £5999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

GRANDIS, 2.4 Elegance MPV 2378cc auto, 05, 2005 05 reg mivec elegance, 5 doors, auto, estate, petrol, metallic blue, abs, alloys, climate control, electric sunroof, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, leather seats, passenger airbag, radio/cd, remote locking, side airbags, traction control. p/x welcome, £15000, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

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SHOGUN, 3.2DI-D Warrior Station Wagon 3d 3200cc auto, 05, 2005 05 reg mitsubishi shogun 3.2 di-d warrior, 5 doors, automatic, station wagon, diesel, 4,000 miles, metallic silver, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, central locking, electrically adjustable seats, computer, cruise control, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, immobiliser, head restraints, heated seats, leather seats, navigation system, passenger airbag, radio/cd multichanger, rear headrests, rear armrest, roof rails, side airbags, traction control.insurance group:16, this is our sales managers demo vehicle, p/x welcome, metallic silver, £24000, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

SPACE STAR, 2004, abs air conditioning, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, central locking, drivers airbag, electric door mirrors, front electric windows, front fog lights, height adjustable drivers seat, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power steering, radio/cd, roof rails, steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, haag silver, miles, £5995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

SPACE WAGON, 1997, insurance group 13 1 registered keeper central locking front electric windows power steering, midnight blue, 76000 miles, £2000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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NISSAN CABSTAR, 1998, 2.5 d cherry picker one owner edf elec comp priestman rb37 125 swl 60.000 miles, £5995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ALMERA, 1.8 SE Auto, 2005, grey, 17000 miles, £7495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

ALMERA, 2004, cd pas a/con e/wind c/lock, metallic silver, 23633 miles, £7495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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NAVARA, 2005, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, cd player, central locking, clock, coloured bumpers, driver airbag, driver seat height adjustment, electric front windows, exterior mirror heated, exterior mirrors electric, exterior temperature, fog lamp, four wheel drive, gear box knob leather, passenger airbag, power steering, radio, rear window heated, revolution counter, third brake light, tilttable steering wheel, wiper rear window, silver, 14401 miles, £14995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

PRIMERA, 2004, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, green metallic, 20395 miles, £7795, WJ King Vauxhall, Farningham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

PRIMERA, 2003, a/con alloys cd s/roof c/lock, gold metallic, 31781 miles, £6995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

X-TRAIL, 2.0i Sport, 2003, insurance group 9 abs alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers central locking climate control drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors electric sunroof folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails side airbags, red, 48774 miles, £7995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

PEUGOT 206, quicksilver 2001, silver, 59000 miles, GTi interior and conversion c/i, electric and tinted windows, cd, alarmed, £3000 spent on car in last 6 months, new MOT and tax, £3250, 01795 874033 / 07956 273400 (PRIVATE)

206, 2005, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, onyx black, 22857 miles, £7995, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8303 1234 (TRADE)

206, 2003, a/con alloys leather c/lock cd, onyx black, 25328 miles, £7495, WJ King Vauxhall, Farningham, 01322 862366 (TRADE)

307, Sw, 2003, blue, 25000 miles, £6995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

406, 2.0 GLX Auto [SR], 1998, remote central locking electric windows climate control power steering immobiliser alarm drivers airbag, diaablo red, 78000 miles, £1793, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

PARTNER, Combi Hdi 2.0, 2003, silver, 32474 miles, £5995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, EXPRESSION 1.4 5DR, 2004, trim: cloth engine size: 1400 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, ottaman blue, 22000 miles, £5995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.2 16v Extreme Hatchback 3d 1149cc, 05, 2005 05 reg renault clio 1.2 16v extreme, 2 doors, manual 5 speed, hatchback, petrol, 6, 227 miles, metallic red, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, p/x welcome.£5999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, EXPRESSION 2.0 AUTO 2005, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 2000 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 5, mercury, 10407 miles, £10495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, 2003, a/con alloys cd pas, blue, 59180 miles, £5695, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

MEGANE, EXPRESSION 1.6, 2006, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, pearl black, 10953 miles, £8995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MEGANE, SALOON PRIVILEGE 1.6 16V, 2005, trim: part leather engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, hessian, 9003 miles, £7995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MODUS, EXPRESSION 1.5dci 86 EUROIV, 2007, trim: cloth engine size: 1500 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, quartz, 5 miles, £10500, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MODUS, DYNAMIQUE 1.6 AUTO, 2007, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 5, mercury, 5 miles, £10995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

SCENIC, PRIVILEGE 1.9DCI, 2004, trim: part leather engine size: 1900 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, flame red, 20900 miles, £9795, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

SCENIC, 1.5dCi 106 Expression Hatchback 5d 1461cc, 54, 2004 54 reg renault scenic 1.5 dci 106 expression, 5 doors, manual, estate, diesel, 8,000 miles, metallic silver, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air con, central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, immobiliser, head restraints, lumbar support, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, remote locking, side airbags, p/x welcome, £7999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

TRAFIC, SH29 DCI 100 SWB, 2004, trim: cloth engine size: 1900 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, white, 18900 miles, £8995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

ROVER

200, 216 Si 16V, 1998, insurance group 7, red, miles, £, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

45, 1.4 iL 16v Hatchback 5d 1396cc, 03, 2003 03 reg rover 45 1.4 il 16v, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, blue, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air con, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, lumbar support, park distance control, passenger airbag, radio/cd, remote locking, side airbags, p/x welcome, £3999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

45, lxl 1.8, 2000, red, 31045 miles, £3495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

75, 2.0 CDTi Classic SVE, 2005, grey, 36000 miles, £8995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

75, 2.0 CDTi Club Saloon (131Ps) 1951cc auto, 53, 2003 53 reg rover, 4 doors, auto, saloon, diesel, 20,300 miles, metallic blue, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air con, alloys, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, head restraints, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, radio/cassette, side airbags, rear headrests, nsurance group:10, rover £7495, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0845 3891136 (TRADE)

SEAT

ALHAMBRA, 1.9TDI PD Reference MPV 5d 1896cc (2005), nh05bfk, specification includes anti-lock brakes, driver seat height adjustment, driver, passenger and front side air bags, air-conditioning, volumetric alarm, remote central door locking, electric/heated door mirrors, front and rear electric windows, immobiliser, front fog lamps, more than five head restraints, headlamp adjustment, rake/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, power-assisted steering, radio/cd, rear wash wipe, rev counter, split rear seat, 29871 miles, £12990, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377444 (TRADE)

ALHAMBRA, 1.9 TDi S, 2001, red, 71000 miles, £6495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

ALHAMBRA, 1.8 Turbo, 2000, green, 76467 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AROSA, 2004, alloys cd, platinum grey, 27488 miles, £5995, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

SKODA

FABIA, 1.9TDI PD Ambiente Estate 5d 1896cc, gk07wst, specification includes air-conditioning, anti-lock brakes, driver and passenger air bags, driver information system, driver seat height adjustment, electric/heated door mirrors, front electric windows, front fog lights, front/rear head restraints, headlamp adjustment, immobiliser, power-assisted steering, radio/cd, rake/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, rear wash wipe, remote central door locking, rev counter, split rear seat, tinted glass and traction control system. remainder of 3 years/60,000 mile manufacturers warranty, ex-demonstrator. sahara beige metallic, 2000 miles, £9490, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377444 (TRADE)

OCTAVIA, 1.9TDI PD Ambiente Estate 5d 1896cc, gk07wrz, specification includes 17in pegasus alloy wheels with sports suspension, 6 disc cd autochanger, air-conditioning, alarm, anti-lock brakes, driver information system, driver, passenger and front side air bags, driver/passenger seat height adjustment, driver/passenger seat lumbar support, electric/heated door mirrors, front/rear electric windows, front/rear head restraints, headlamp adjustment, immobiliser, power-assisted steering, radio, rake/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, rear armrest, rear wash wipe, remote central door locking, rev counter, split rear seat and tinted glass. remainder of 3 years/60,000 mile manufacturers warranty. ex-demonstrator. satin grey, 1000 miles, £13990, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377444 (TRADE)

ROOMSTER, 1.4 16v 2 5dr MPV, gJ07vxb, specification includes 15in avior alloy wheels, air-conditioning, alarm, anti-lock brakes, driver, passenger and side air bags, driver/passenger seat height adjustment, electric/heated door mirrors, front electric windows, front/rear head restraints, headlamp adjustment, immobiliser, power-assisted steering, radio/cd/mp3, rake/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, rear wash wipe, remote central door locking, rev counter, split rear seat, tinted glass and trip computer. remainder of 3 years/60,000 mile manufacturers warranty, ex-demonstrator. storm blue, 1000 miles, £10490, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377444 (TRADE)

SUPERB, 2.0TDI PD 140 Classic Saloon 4d 1984cc, gJ56twe, specification includes alarm, anti-lock brakes, climate control, driver information system, driver, passenger and front side air bags, driver/passenger seat height adjustment, driver/passenger seat lumbar support, electric/heated door mirrors, front fog lights, front/rear electric windows, front/rear head restraints, headlamp adjustment, immobiliser, power-assisted steering, radio, rake/reach adjustable steering column/wheel, rear armrest, remote central door locking, rev counter, single cd player and tinted glass. remainder of 3 years/60,000 mile manufacturers warranty. ex-demonstrator. mystery blue metallic, 1106 miles, £13490, Sherlodge Garage, Gillingham, 01634 377444 (TRADE)

SUZUKI

JIMNY, 1.3 JLiX Soft Top 3d 1298cc, 54, 2004 54 reg suzuki jimny 1.3 jlx, 3 doors, manual, soft-top, petrol, black. central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cassette, power assisted steering, rear headrests. £5, 999 p/x welcome, black, miles, £5999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

JIMNY, Mode 4X4, 2004, silver, 33890 miles, £5495, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

SWIFT, 1.3 GL 5dr, 28/04/2005, cd player driver airbag immobiliser electric windows, grey, 26000 miles, £6299, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

SWIFT, Glis 1.0, 2001, red, 54181 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

VITARA, TD SE, 2003, blue metallic, 45000 miles, £6795, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

WAGON R, 1.3 GL 5dr, 2004, 1.3 gl 5dr + estate, silver, 9218 miles, £4995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

WAGON R, 1.3 GL Hatchback 5d 1328cc, 51, 2001 51 reg, 5 doors, manual, estate, petrol, yellow. central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors/windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cassette, power assisted steering, rear headrests, roof rails. p/x welcome, yellow, £3999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

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TOYOTA

TOYOTA HI ACE D40, 09 2003, 2.5 td swb white 3 seats fsh, 0 miles, £5995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

TOYOTA HI ACE LWB D40, 01 2006, 2.5 td met silver 20.000 miles fsh liner rear tiatlage, £5995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

AYGO, 1.0 VVT-i + 3dr, 30/09/2006, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, 1900 miles, £6999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

COROLLA, 2.0 D-4D 3T 5dr (2002 - 2004), 07/11/2003, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 50541 miles, £7699, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

COROLLA, 2004, a/con alloys cd s/roof c/lock, metallic silver, 29960 miles, £9495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

RAV 4, 2.0 VX 5dr (2000 - 2003), 16/03/2002, cd player leather hood cover driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, 22970 miles, £11499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

RAV4, 2003, a/con alloys s/roof, silver, 54372 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

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AGILA, 2004, pas c/lock a/bag, star silver, 22633 miles, £5295, WJ King Vauxhall, Bexleyheath, 020 8303 2299 (TRADE)

AGILA, 2003, abs cd player clock coloured bumpers driver airbag passenger airbag power steering radio rear window heated third brake light tilttable steering wheel wiper rear window, kiwi green, 22884 miles, £4495, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

ASTRA, 1.6i Active Hatchback 5d 1598cc, 03, 2003 03 reg vauxhall astra 1.6i active, 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 44, 283 miles, metallic silver, 1 owner, abs, adjustable seats, air con, alloys, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, insurance group: 5, p/x welcome, £4499, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

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ASTRA COUPE, 2002, blue, 49208 miles, £6995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

ASTRAVAN, 2006, glacier white, 10 miles, £7995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

ASTRAVAN, 2006, star silver, 18000 miles, £8995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

COMBO, 2006, glacier white, 15000 miles, £7995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

COMBO, 2006, flame red, 10 miles, £7995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

CORSA, 2005, star silver, 9677 miles, £5995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

CORSA, 2006, a/con alloys e/wind c/lock cd, flame red, 11200 miles, £6995, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

CORSA, 2005, alloys cd c/lock e/wind a/bag, black sapphire, 19990 miles, £6695, WJ King Vauxhall, Woolwich, 020 8854 8161 (TRADE)

CORSA, 2006, a/con c/lock e/wind a/bag cd, silver lightning, 22653 miles, £6495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

CORSA, 1.2i 16v Active Hatchback 3d 1199cc, 03, 2003 03 reg vauxhall corsa 1.2 16v active, 3 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, metallic blue, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, remote locking, p/x welcome price: £4, 999, £4999, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0845 3380900 (TRADE)

CORSAVAN, 2004, glacier white, 21292 miles, £4995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

MERIVA, 2005, misty grey, 11728 miles, £7995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

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NEW ASTRA, 2007, a/con pas e/wind abs cd, star silver, 0 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

NEW ASTRA, 2007, pas a/con cd abs e/wind c/lock, silver lightning, 0 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

NEW ASTRA, 2005, abs, air con, airfilter interior, alloy wheels, anti theft protection, cd player, central locking, clock, coloured bumpers, driver airbag, driver seat height adjustment, electric front windows, exterior mirrors electric, exterior temperature, passenger airbag, power steering, radio, rear window heated, rev counter, side airbag driver and passenger, steering wheel with radio control, third brake light, wiper rear window, star silver, 11708 miles, £9995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

NEW ASTRA ESTATE, 2006, abs air con, airfilter interior, alloys, anti theft protection, cd player, central locking, clock, coloured bumpers, driver airbag, driver seat height adjustment, electric front windows, exterial mirrors electric, front sport seats, power steering, radio, rear window heated, rev counter, third brake light, wiper rear window, sapphire black, 5762 miles, £11995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

NEW ASTRA ESTATE, 2006, star silver, 9704 miles, £12995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

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NEW CORSAVAN, 2007, pas abs del mls plus vat, glacier white, 0 miles, £7295, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

NEW MERIVA, 2006, a/con cd s/roof c/lock e/wind, star silver, 15059 miles, £9795, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

NEW MERIVA, 2006, a/con alloys cd e/wind c/lock, star silver, 0 miles, £11295, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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NEW SIGNUM, 2006, abs, air conditioning, airfilter interior, alarm system, alloy wheels, anti theft protection, cd player, central locking, clock coloured bumpers, driver airbag, driver seat height adjustment, electric front windows, exterior mirror heated, exterior mirrors electric, exterior temperature, fog lamp, gear box knob leather, leather steering wheel, passenger airbag, passenger seat height adjustment, power steering, radio, rear window heated, revolution counter, side airbag driver and passenger, third brake light, tilttable steering wheel, wiper rear window, misty grey, 10000 miles, £14995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

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NEW ZAFIRA, 2007, alloys a/con abs cd e/wind, star silver, 0 miles, £13495, WJ King Vauxhall, Dartford, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

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Region needs special care says CBI chief

THE South East is a "golden goose" that needs cultivating and caring for if businesses are to survive.

That's the encouraging view of the CBI's director general, who was speaking to an invited audience of business chiefs at the CBI South East's regional annual dinner.

Richard Lambert said the government needs to recognise the worth of Kent and the rest of the region, and to "feed the golden goose" in order to help support the rest of the country.

Addressing a gathering of 550 of the region's leading business people, Mr Lambert urged the government to recognise and reward the importance of the area to the wellbeing of the UK's economy.

To underline the region's importance, the South East contributes £158bn of UK Gross Value Added (GVA) – the astonishing figure is second only to London.

Needs

In terms of net contribution to the government's coffers, the South East delivers £11bn.

Mr Lambert said: "This region is the key driver for the UK economy, each resident's net contribution in the South East is equivalent to more than £1,000 per resident per year, whereas each resident in Northern Ireland costs the Treasury more than £3,700 per year.

"While we recognise the needs of our economically more troubled regions, it is vital we constantly remind government that the success of the country depends on this economic powerhouse here in the South East. We must back our winners.

"There's no room for complacency, we need to support our knowledge-based businesses. We need to raise our game when it comes to teaching science, technology, engineering and maths in secondary schools.

"It means giving full support to our universities, most of which are doing a brilliant job, in transferring knowledge through research and teaching of our workforce of tomorrow."

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EXCLUSIVE

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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BUSINESSES must have their preparations for the Tour de France sorted out now in order to make the most of the commercial potential estimated at almost £40 million.

That's the warning from the county's leading tourism official ahead of the opening stage of the world famous cycle race on Sunday, July 8.

Head of Kent Tourism, Fran Warrington, is urging businesses to make the most of the opportunity to decorate their shops and offices and join in the big Tour party.

Many community groups, companies and schools are already putting on special displays ranging from whole village planting schemes to art exhibitions.

Displays

And the South East in Bloom judges have been out in force in the county this week talking to the teams who have entered this year's special Kent County Council Tour de France award.

They will be gathering pictures of the displays created on the day of the Tour, before coming to their final decisions.

Peter Holman, chairman of South East in Bloom, said the people of Kent from towns and villages are showing tremendous enthusiasm and initiative for community displays and spectacular events to celebrate the Tour. And he is sure local businesses will also be full of innovative ideas for the occasion.

Ms Warrington said: "This is a huge opportunity of Kent and images of the reception we give the Tour will be beamed to more than two

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"It will be the biggest party ever to be held in the county and people will be celebrating in their own towns and villages.

"They will need to stock up for their parties in advance and many residents will be out and about along the 126-mile route during the day.

"They will be joined by hundreds of thousands of visitors from across Europe and the UK, keen not only to watch the grand Tour promotional caravan and the world's top cyclists race through the Garden of England, but to enjoy the sights, scenes and tastes of our county – many for the first time.

"It is a real chance for us to ensure they have a great day to remember and tell all their friends about what a superb destination Kent is for a longer holiday or a short break.

"We are expecting the Tour to bring a £37m boost to the Kent economy and much of this will go to businesses in the tourism, hospitality and leisure sectors.

"There's still time to get our displays and party plans ready and create a great atmosphere right along the route, from Dartford to the finishing line in Canterbury."



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LEADING commercial lawyer Jeremy Licence has taken up a key role with company Vertex Law.

After seven years at Furley Page, he is moving to the Kings Hill-based company.

He is an expert in commercial property and has played a leading role in some of east Kent's most significant property deals.

Vertex Law's Robert Dodgson said: "His skills and experience will be a great asset to us and he will help strengthen our presence in east Kent.

"It is a real coup someone as senior as Jeremy should have decided he saw his future career being with Vertex Law."

Mr Licence worked for Kingsford Solicitors in Ashford before joining the commercial department of Furley Page in 2000.

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Work/life balance is costing law firms as staff quit their jobs

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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KENT is suffering from a legal brain drain because bosses are simply too inflexible.

That's the claim from a family law expert, who says more home working could help stem the tide.

Emma Palmer of Stantons said too many law firms are being drained of their top legal brains because of a lack of flexible working practices or facilities for parents and carers.

A member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel, Mrs Palmer, from Canterbury, combined a career with caring for her three children.

The 35-year-old told this newspaper: "I have been incredibly fortunate. Since starting my family I have worked for Stantons.

"I have taken maternity leave and each time returned to work two days a week in the company offices in Gravesend, and a further half day at home.

"More unusually I was recruited on a part-time basis in the first place, as were a number of our other solicitors.

"I have a home computer system with full

access to all the company systems and files. I can do everything I do in the office at home. With the lack of interruptions and distractions, I am even more productive.

"But Stantons is very forward thinking. It was the first business in the South East to be successfully assessed against the national Investors in People's WorkLife Balance Model.

"Jan Stanton is a supporter of flexible working and realises that part-time work does not adversely affect our clients.

"I know many solicitors, particularly women, who are just leaving the profession completely because they cannot combine parenthood with legal practice.

Stress

"Although changes to employment law over the past years have brought improvements, many law firms still have traditional cultures of long hours and a stress on staff being seen to be in the office.

"They need to adapt to meet the needs of modern working families and realise that part-time and flexible workers have an important role to play too.

"Many excellent practitioners are being lost to the legal world because combining work and raising a family becomes too

difficult and law firms could do more to alleviate this."

Juggling work and commitments can be achieved with planning, she said.

"I worked hard to qualify as a solicitor and I do want to have a career, as well as being a mother," said Mrs Palmer, who also sits on the General Purpose Committee of Kent Law Society, and is Vice-President of Medway Law Society.

"The often complicated juggling act is worth it and I am lucky that my firm and its forward-thinking approach facilitates this."

She said the flexible working needs to be for fathers too.

"Currently, it is mainly women who are leaving the legal profession and seeking other more family-friendly careers, but this is an issue which is increasingly affecting men as well," said Mrs Palmer.

"Law firms need to adopt the many technologies which are now available to make flexible working a reality for both men and women. They will reap the rewards in the long term and not lose staff that have a lot to offer."



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IN JUST seven days' time the roads of the county will grind to a halt. The purr of motor vehicles replaced by the whirr of pedals and clinking of cycle chains.

Yet while the eyes of the world will follow every twist and turn of the Tour de France as it winds its way through the countryside and townscapes, for the vast majority of the county and the nation, it is a minor blip on the radar; a curiosity rather than compulsive viewing.

Which, given its fanatic following on mainland Europe is something of a sporting oddity.

Matt Rendell thinks he knows why. At 41, he is one of Britain's most engaging cycling enthusiasts and experts.

An acclaimed author and journalist, he will form part of the ITV reporting team which follows the snake-like trail of the race on its three-week journey from London to Paris.

"In France, this event rules the road and goes wherever it wants," he explained to KoS this week.

"Local authorities will remove traffic islands and repave roads at the behest of the Tour because you have this massive tourism and marketing video going out live to a billion people, all over the world.

"But in this country people will not tolerate a traffic jam caused by a cycling race and I think it is as simple as that.

"Plus, I think we're always going to be suspicious of men wearing Lycra with shaven legs."

He may be joking – but only a little.

Rendell is a man who knows his stuff. Born and raised in Wilmington, near Dartford, he was bitten by the bike-bug after going to Italy to study as a linguist.

By the time he returned to south London he would often spend his Sunday's cycling through the Garden of England, diving out of the city and down to Folkestone.

For the last decade he has established himself as one of the leading authorities on a sport he acknowledges remains somewhat niche-like in this country.

"When the Tour started in 1903, Frenchmen had been killing Frenchmen for 150 years," the amiable Rendell explained, "from the time of the French Revolution to the 1870 conflict with Prussia. France was still reeling from that violence and division. The idea of the Tour drawing a ring around the nation and connecting the disparate parts of this very divided nation had a lot of cultural impact.

"And cycling seems to have that power. Look at Belgium for example. In 1945, they founded two races. One was the Het Volk, named after the Belgian national newspaper. German troops were still occupying parts of Belgium when the race started.

"I spend a lot of time in Columbia. There are divisions and no-go areas but the cyclists go everywhere. The old guys there say how they used to shake hands with the armies in the cities and the guerrillas in the mountains.

"Cycling is the sort of sport that draws lines across divided landscapes, and that is why it works. That is why people forgive it. We just don't have those divisions. Because we're an island we're just not a divided enough nation."

Whatever your view on the Tour, there is no denying it has developed the most remarkable sense of drama around it – none more so than over the last 10 years.

American rider Lance Armstrong's remarkable run of seven consecutive race triumphs from 1999-2005, having beaten cancer twice, remains one of sport's most compelling storylines.

By engaging with the lucrative US market it saw the sport break out and grow into even more of a global commodity.



On the edge of the abyss

CHRIS BRITCHER talks to cycling expert MATT RENDELL on just why we should sit up and take notice of next weekend's Tour de France and a sport he describes as 'gloriously and self-destructively indiscreet'

Yet despite the heroics on the road, it is so often the ongoings which erupt off it which capture the headlines.

So just why is the Tour so compulsive for so many?

"It is the most extreme of sports," says Rendell, who himself fought cancer as a teenager and only this year had his thyroid gland removed. "I have read biographies of riders who for 20 years left the dinner table hungry because you cannot carry any excess wait.

"The degree of dedication is something you find in few other sports.

"When boxers are training for a bout they go to extraordinary lengths but after the fight they have a few months off. Cyclists do it for 20 years without a break.

"As a spectator you get right up close to the start and finish. You can touch and feel and smell the sweat. Yet one of cycling's big draws and draw-backs is this accessibility.

"The Tour was invented by a newspaper in 1903 as a sales gimmick to boost circulation. It has always been run by journalists and for that reason everything about it is known. There is no defending the doping but I'm pretty certain it goes on everywhere in other sports."

The on-going scandal has done nothing to endear the event to a sceptical British audience. Last year's winner Floyd Landis is still fighting to clear his name and will, as a result of the on-going probe, miss this year's race.

Operation Puerto is a major investigation into a doping doctor in Spain – with 52 cyclists named in a doping ring, along with dozens of other, so far unnamed, stars from other sports.

Rendell says: "Cycling is gloriously and self-destructively indiscreet. If you actually want your sport to be an escapist fantasy then cycling isn't the sport for you. If you're quite thrilled by something contaminated by our fallible real world then it's a fascinating spectacle."

One of Rendell's finest written works is a portrait of former Tour winner Marco Pantani of Italy. His career was dogged by allegations of doping and he eventually failed a blood test in 1999. Five years later he was dead after a cocaine overdose.

"Watching Pantani you felt elated," said Rendell, "there was an emotion contagion there. You watched this remarkable movement, enhanced by masses of drugs and you realise the people who drugged him drugged us.

"In the same way you see someone yawn and you yawn, someone smile and you smile, you see one person move in this dynamic, poetic fluent way and you're inspired; all the more because they are pumped full of drugs so they are doing things you normally can't do."

Rendell is convinced much of the blame should sit at the door of cycling's world governing body, the UCI.

He believes failure to act hard and fast during the 1998 scandal, which saw the Festina team exposed as providing their riders with performance-enhancing drugs, was a huge mistake.

He said: "The UCI should have licensed team staff and doctors and if ever there was a shadow of doubt, that licence could have been withdrawn and they would no longer be members of the club.

"That still has not happened and it is the only thing that will provide a solution. Until you are standing at the abyss and team sponsors are abandoning you, which they seem to be beginning to do, and the sport is facing the prospect of no longer existing then things

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start happening. It's a bit like global warming. "The riders know medium to long-term doping has to go if the sport is to continue to exist. In the short-term they are still competing with each other.

"And it is human nature that the immediate problem of 'I've got to beat you' completely overrides the medium to long-term problem, which is we have to get rid of doping if the sport is to continue and they want to earn a living.

"I mean, when you think of something as trivial as sport, and as marginal as cycling and things are as complicated as that, what hope do we have with Iraq and the Middle East?

"It is a paragon for our age. Everything that discredits cycling as a pure sport enhances it as a symbol of the age we live in.

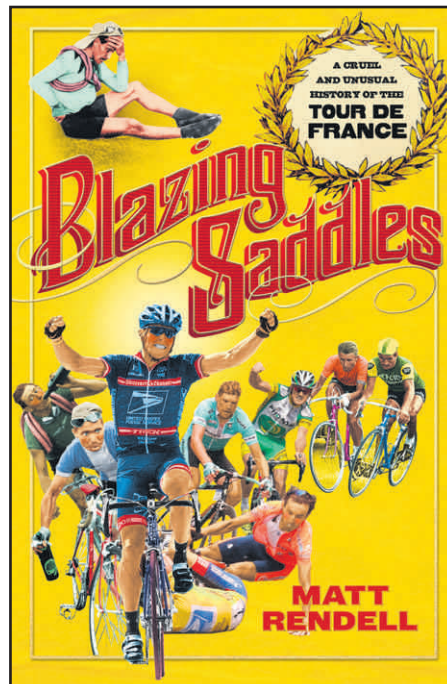
"The super specialisation, the loss of perspective and the bigger picture which leads to the doping and excess are all symptoms of the age."

Make your own mind up – catch the Tour de France in a town near you next Sunday.

• **Matt Rendell will be signing copies of his new book *Blazing Saddles* at Waterstone's at Maidstone's Fremlin Walk, on Tuesday from 6.30pm. Tickets for the question and answer session cost £2.**



LIFE CYCLE: Matt Rendell's new book, *Blazing Saddles*, offers a compelling ride through the history of the Tour de France



Hudson aiming higher

GOLF: Solheim Cup hopeful Rebecca Hudson says she is determined to improve on her joint third place at last year's Ladies English Open at Chart Hills this week in her pursuit of a Solheim Cup place.

Hudson, 28, said: "The English is my home event and with Solheim points up for grabs, my hopes are to do the same as last year or maybe go one or two places better.

"All competitions are important, but more so now we are getting closer to the Solheim selection cut off."

The Solheim Cup is the women's game's equivalent of the Ryder Cup.



Gate fight legal battle

FOOTBALL: Margate chiefs say they are to legally challenge a bid by HM Revenues and Customs to wind up the club, citing late tax payments.

Talks over the weekend will look to resolve the dispute which threatens the club's future.

But officials say they remain confident of resolving the issues and denied claims the club is seriously in debt.



Home comforts suit Dani



WE are at the halfway stage in this year's Ladies European Tour and, for me, a return to play on Kentish soil is coming just at the right time.

This Thursday sees the start of the Ladies English Open at my home course of Chart Hills, and I can't wait. Last year, of course, the highlight of my rookie season was finishing third in this tournament – my highest placed finish to date in my fledgling professional career.

Now, after a good start to my second year on the LET circuit, I am really looking forward to playing again in front of a home crowd. Hopefully, I can show everyone just how much I am improving as a player.

But, more than anything, after a first half of the season spent almost constantly travelling around Europe, it will be great to be able to live at home during a tournament – and to have so many friends and family outside the ropes cheering me on.

The memories I have of last year's event, and especially on the final day when I was pushing for a high finish, are fantastic ones. I couldn't believe there were so many people I knew watching me.

Experience

This year's Ladies English Open has perhaps the strongest field it has ever had, including Laura Davies and Karen Stupples.

Amongst other British players, Trish Johnson is currently in wonderful form and my great friend Becky Brewerton is another who is having a good season and should be a challenger.

My huge experience of playing at Chart Hills will be a big plus for me, of course, although before this week's practice it will have been nine whole weeks since I last played there. That's how much time I've been on the road.

In fact, one of the things I have realised this season is that I mustn't let my desire to play in every event overrule my head in terms of planning a schedule.

By mid-June I had been playing competitively for eight consecutive weeks on the road, and I was too tired as a result and my scores suffered. From now on, five weeks on the trot when travelling is the maximum I will allow myself to play.

After nine events on tour I was lying in 44th position on the Money List, and I had recorded four top 25 finishes. An 11th place at the Spanish Open in early May was the best of



RETURN: Dani Masters was third in last year's Ladies English Open at Chart Hills
Picture: TRISTAN JONES/LET

those finishes, although I actually earned more euros for coming 25th in the more high-profile Ladies Swiss Open the following week.

I missed two cuts – at the Italian Open and the KLM Ladies Open in Holland – by just one stroke, which was frustrating but a lot down to the tiredness I felt during that long stretch away.

Also, however, I have been concentrating so much on my chipping and putting (which has improved as a consequence, I'm pleased to report) that I have been letting myself down a bit off the tee.

Driving the ball has always been one of my great strengths, but I've let my standards slip in that regard simply because I haven't been practising my driving as much as I should.

I've fallen into the trap of assuming I'll drive well, and so it is a big lesson learned that I've got to manage my practice time much better and fit in enough hard work on all the elements of my game.

Overall, though, I'm really enjoying being out there on tour. It is so much more enjoyable for me this year, as I know my way around better and am confident that I have the game to compete at this level.

By the time you read this, I will hopefully be getting ready to set out on my last round in the Portuguese Open. I need a top three finish to get myself up to 25th in the LET Money List and automatic qualification for this summer's Women's British Open, so I will be pulling out all the stops.

Whatever happens, though, this coming week is going to be a special one for me. My mum and dad, boyfriend Jon, and my brother

and his wife will all be among the many friends planning to come along to Chart Hills.

I hope to see you all there too.

• **Maidstone's Danielle Masters is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**

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Schools final

CRICKET: The final of the Kent Primary Schools Kwik Cricket Final takes place today at Kent's St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury.

More than 250 boys and girls from 24 district-winning schools will contest the final on 12 pitches on the famous outfield.

Also attending will be shadow minister for sport, Hugh Robertson.



Dover clubhouse bid

FOOTBALL: Ryman League side Dover Athletic have won planning permission to build a new clubhouse at their Crabble home.

The work is due to start at the end of the upcoming season and will replace the current Centre Spot building.

Chairman Jim Parmenter said: "It is imperative we raise the necessary funds to give fans a much more comfortable facility which we will all be proud of."

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SPITFIRES GUN FOR QUARTERS

Forecast looking good for Twenty20 Cup ties

KENT will look to smash their way into the last eight of the Twenty20 Cup this week by snatching two big wins at Beckenham.

Despite torrential rain last week, forecasters suggest tomorrow and Wednesday's matches could escape the downpours.

And club chiefs hope that will lure bumper crowds to the out-ground to help cheer the Spitfires to the quarter-finals.

One dark cloud on the horizon though is the fitness of skipper Rob Key. He picked up a hamstring injury in Tuesday night's defeat to Sussex and he was forced to sit out both Wednesday's match at Middlesex and Friday's trip to Chelmsford to face Essex.

The word from the Kent camp is that he remains a doubt for this week's games, but there are hopes he will be back in time to lead from the front.

More than 4,000 tickets have already been sold for tomorrow's clash with Surrey, with 3,000 snapped up for the Middlesex match.

Jon Fordham, operations director at the club, told KoS: "The forecast is improved for Monday. But the good thing is that Beckenham has fantastic drainage."

"I've seen the pitch under water at 1.30pm after one particular heavy storm, and an hour later it had all drained away. So we're hopeful both games will be played and urge supporters to turn out in force."

Fast-paced

The fast-paced one-day games are the only matches being staged at the ground this summer, and demand is traditionally brisk in advance sales.

The Twenty20 Cup has been far from kind so far this season for Kent – and last weekend there were angry scenes after a fiasco at Canterbury for the match with Essex.

Umpires had to be escorted off by a team of security and punches were thrown when the match was reduced to just

By **CHRIS BRITCHER**

five overs per side due to a heavy thunderstorm and strict ECB regulations.

The club offered all ticket holders half-price entry to selected Pro40 matches later this summer, or cut-price tickets to last Tuesday night's match to Sussex, which the Spitfires lost.

Fans were angry after the match ended at the pre-arranged time of 5.45pm, in warm sunshine with no hint of further rain.

Fordham added: "There were some unpleasant scenes at the end of the match, and we had to get six security staff to escort the umpires off the pitch. There was a punch thrown at someone, but it missed its target."

"The really difficult thing was having to explain to fans who'd never come to a match before why we were unable to play on in the sunshine. I just hope they give us and the game a second chance."

Kent complained to the ECB this week, calling for more flexibility to the existing rigid rules.

The domestic game's governing body confirmed it will consider changes in time for next season. Torrential rain across the UK has seen an hour's additional play permitted for the remainder of the group games.

Kent wrap up their final group match with an away jaunt to Surrey on Friday at the Oval.

• Players and staff at Kent have been inundating executive Jon Fordham for his good taste in music prior to the Twenty20 matches. What they didn't know, and what Kent on Sunday can exclusively reveal, is that the CD was compiled by none other than his 15-year-old son.



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

Spurs snare striker Bent

AFTER all the speculation, Darren Bent has finally agreed a deal taking him back into the Premiership.

The striker, 23, penned a six-year deal which takes him to White Hart Lane for £15.5million.

The price will rise by a further £1m, dependent on performances, and the sum is payable in instalments over the next three years.

And he wasn't the only one headed for the exit signs at The Valley. This weekend, Kevin Lisbie, Thomas Myhre, Talal El Karkouri and youngsters Nathan Ashton, Myles Weston, Rurik Gislason and Alistair John are all set to depart.

Jimmy-Floyd Hasselbaink

was also set to finally confirm what was already widely known – that he too is off. Bryan Hughes has left for Hull City.

However, there was some good news, as midfield stalwart Matt Holland signed on for a further year.

Bent said: "I hope people remember I always fought tooth and nail for the cause, and wish me luck at Spurs. It's a massive club and I'm relishing a new chance for me personally."

More than £2.5m of his transfer fee will be heading to former club Ipswich Town, who had a sell-on clause inserted in his contract when he signed from Portman Road in May 2004 for £2.5m.

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